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## Army Repair Shops To Fix Flood Damage

### Mobile Equipment to Be Used to Help Farmers Get Crops Planted

WASHINGTON—The Army is going to assist in repairing flood-damaged automotive farm machinery.

The War Department announced that mobile automotive repair units of the Army Service Forces are standing by in the recently flooded areas of six Central States ready to render to farmers such assistance in the rehabilitation of damaged automotive equipment used for farm purposes as is possible without incurring.

At the request of the War Food Administration, the Army Service Forces has made arrangements for the repair work to be done under the jurisdiction and with facilities of Service Commands in the flood area. Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces will cooperate.

The War Food Administration states that thousands of pieces of various farming equipment were made inoperative by the floods. A shortage of mechanics is preventing farmers from placing this machinery back into operation.

The War Department has offered assistance because it is imperative that full utilization be made of all existing farm machinery in the flood area in order to replant, while there still is time for replanting, crops which are necessary to the nation's food supply. The War Food Administration estimates that approximately 10 days remained during which crops could be replanted effectively in most of the flood-damaged area. An estimated 475,000 acres of cropland in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma were inundated.

The following procedure will be used in carrying out the rehabilitation work:

1. Farmers in the flood area who possess automotive farm machinery damaged by the flood and who do not have available facilities for getting that machinery back into operation, will report to their local county agricultural agents.

2. The county agricultural agent, after determining in each case whether or not the need for Army assistance is sufficient, will forward accepted requests for assistance to the state director of agricultural extension.

3. The state director of agricultural extension, advising with the United States Department of Agriculture War Board in his state, will forward the requests to the Commanding General of the Service Command of the area in which his state is located.

4. The Commanding General of the Service Command will give the word for action to the mobile automotive repair units under his jurisdiction.

The service performed by the Army will be on a reimbursable basis. Collection will be effected by agents of the War Food Administration.

## Oil Execs Live Army Life at Fort Belvoir

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—The camp was visited this week by 100 top-ranking executives of the petroleum industry who donned Army fatigue clothes and put in a 26-hour hitch with the troops. The visitors were split into groups of six and assigned to platoons and in every way lived the life of the soldier, including participation in a night problem in the field.

The idea was, first to promote a better understanding between the Army and industry, and secondly to give the oil men a first-hand view of some of the uses to which the Army puts their product.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

## Colored Air Squadron In Northern Africa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—A fighter squadron of American colored pilots equipped with P-40 Warhawks arrived this week to take their place in aerial operations.

Veteran pilots of the Tunisian campaign are instructing the newcomers in the latest fighting tactics. On completion of this advanced training the squadron will be sent into action.



THIRD ARMY maneuvers in Louisiana made a dream come true for this little farm lad, Buster Plummer, 7, when an armored scout car halted near his home. His never-to-be-forgotten experiences with his new soldier friends included listening to orders transmitted by radio, "firing" a real .50 calibre machine gun, and examining the intricacies of a sub-machine gun. Here he studies the submachine gun.

Signal Corps Photos.

## Congress Sets Lower Taxes For Soldiers

WASHINGTON—Servicemen this week were granted a financial windfall in the form of a tax reduction and the WAACs moved one step nearer to having their name shortened to WAC.

Congress passed and sent to the President for signature the pay-as-you-go tax bill and the House passed in an amended form the WAC bill which had already passed the Senate. The WAC bill will now go to conference in order to iron out differences between the two versions.

### WAC Bill

The House changed the Senate bill in the following ways:

1. Total membership in the WACs would be limited to 150,000. (Secretary of War Stimson later announced that 500,000 are needed.)

2. The age minimum would be lowered from 21 to 20.

3. WAC officers would have authority only over members of the Corps.

4. Women physicians and nurses could not join.

5. The Servicemen's Dependency Act would not apply to WACs.

If the bill becomes law, all members of the WAACs will have to reenlist in order to become WACs.

### Taxes

As the tax bill passed Congress, few soldiers other than unmarried officers and married officers of the higher grades will have to pay taxes on their 1943 income. In addition to the personal exemptions of \$500 for single persons and \$1,200 for married persons, servicemen will be given a flat exemption of \$1,500. Thus no serviceman, including U. S. citizens in other Allied armies, who is making less than \$2,000 a year will pay U. S. income taxes.

The withholding provisions of the pay-as-you-go bill would not apply to servicemen.

In addition, the bill provides that any taxes owed the government by a serviceman who dies in active

service shall be immediately cancelled. This provision is retroactive to December 7, 1941.

### Dependents Allotment

Meanwhile, the move to increase the government's allotment to dependents of servicemen was given added impetus as the same bill introduced by Senator Lodge last week was introduced into the House. This bill provides for an increase of 15 per cent in the government's allotment in order to meet increased cost of living.

At the same time, the whole question of drafting fathers, as well as determining what men should be deferred from the draft as hardship cases, will probably be taken up as a subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee begins hearings on the Lodge bill.

### Manpower

In the eyes of many Congressmen, hinged to the question of allotment for dependents are such other problems as the size of the army and whether or not fathers should be drafted. It is pointed out that if fathers are drafted in any great amount, the number of hardship cases will increase rapidly.

On the other hand, there are some who say that present allotments are large enough. Among the arguments they cite is the fact that mail from families reporting they are suffering has been reduced to such an extent that the branch office of Army Emergency Relief attached to the Office of Dependency Benefits had to eliminate its clerical force for lack of work.

### Parachutists

The Senate Military Affairs Committee was told by both the War and Navy Departments that they are opposed to a bill introduced by Senator Thomas of Utah, proposing to increase the pay of enlisted parachutists from \$50 to \$100 a month.

## Enemy Now Holds 17,083 Americans; Red Cross Sends Food to Them

WASHINGTON—The number of American soldiers officially reported to be held as prisoners of war by enemy countries to date totals 17,083, the War Department announced today. Of these, 11,307 are held by Japan; 3,312 by Germany and 2,464 by Italy. However, reports are incomplete.

Food packages sent to Americans who are prisoners of war of Germany and Italy appear to be reaching them fairly well, according to reports to the War Department. The packages go to them weekly, through Switzerland, where a stock pile is being created to insure regularity in deliveries. The packages are made up by the American Red Cross and delivered by the International Red Cross.

Information in the hands of the War Department indicates that the basic diet of an American soldier in German prison camps is largely potatoes, cabbage, fish and an indefinite amount of meat.

While the amount of each item varies at intervals, the components of a typical American food package are: 12 ounces each of corned beef and pork luncheon meat, 16 ounces of prunes, eight ounces of cheese, six ounces of liver paste, eight ounces of biscuits, eight ounces of chocolate, 16 ounces of milk powder (enough for four quarts of milk), four ounces of concentrated orange juice, four ounces of powdered coffee, eight ounces of sugar, 16 ounces of oleomargarine and eight ounces of canned salmon.

Each package also contains four ounces of hard white soap and several packages of cigarettes. The cigarettes are put into the boxes to fill up the corners and the number of packages varies from three to six.

The boxes are packed by volunteer Red Cross workers at three stations in the United States—one in New York, one in Philadelphia and one in Chicago. The War Department

has a special fund of \$2,000,000 provided by Congress to pay for the food and for the labor required in sealing and wiring the boxes after packing is complete. Cigarettes and other comforts are provided by the American Red Cross.

In addition, the War Department provides the American prisoners with certain supplies from the Quartermaster Corps. These include all items of clothing worn by the soldier, also tooth powder and brushes, razors and razor blades, shaving cream and toilet and laundry soap. The soap is said to be one of the most welcome items, since both Germany and Italy are short of this

commodity.

Under the Geneva Convention every prisoner is entitled to receive every 60 days a "next-of-kin" package, also two cartons of cigarettes, which must be mailed by the manufacturer. To facilitate the delivery of "next-of-kin" packages, the War Department prepares the necessary labels and mails them to the next of kin. These packages may contain whatever comforts the prisoner's family wishes to send.

If Japanese consent is obtained, the War Department will send supplies to American prisoners in Japan on the same basis as to those in Germany and Italy.

## Almost No Disease In U.S. Army in Africa

WASHINGTON—American soldiers in North Africa are almost entirely free of infectious and contagious diseases, the War Department announced this week.

Before United States troops landed in North Africa last November, the Medical Intelligence Service of the Surgeon General's Department had complete details in hand as to the conditions to be guarded against, and preventive measures were promptly put into effect.

One of the most effective forces against the hordes of mosquitoes has been a new lotion which the soldier rubs on his face and hands and other exposed parts of his body. Only a few drops are required. A single application of the lotion repels the mosquitoes for at least 400 minutes, probably in excess of a normal tour of duty.

Flies and other insects have been fought with a bomb-like device

which the soldier sets off with a trigger. It contains a spray that kills all the flies and insects in a room of ordinary size, but is harmless to humans.

The elimination of lice is accomplished by an entirely new powder, to be sprinkled on clothes. In consequence, the elaborate apparatus used in the last war is no longer required. As a general rule, however, American troops in Africa have been free of the pest.

The Sanitary Corps, another unit of the Surgeon General's Department, has cleaned up breeding places of insects in and near American-occupied areas, usually through spreading fuel oil and arsenic dust on stagnant ponds and pools.

Other branches of the Army Service Forces, notably the Engineers and the Quartermaster Corps, contributed substantially to the war on disease.

## Furloughs Granted Before Embarkation

WASHINGTON—AR 615-275, regarding furloughs of Feb. 16, 1940, has been changed, as follows:

Furloughs will be granted, unless urgent military necessity prevents, to the following personnel prior to departure for a port of embarkation or a replacement depot subject to overseas shipment: (1) Enlisted men regardless of the length of service who have had no furlough since ordered to active duty. (2) Enlisted men who have had no furlough in the past six months.

It orders that training programs and selection of personnel should, so far as possible, be planned in such a manner as to make possible granting furloughs after completion of training and before shipment to ports of embarkation or replacement depots.

Enlisted men granted furloughs under the above conditions will be required to return to home stations upon expiration of furlough.

## 'Leather Dynamite' Used In Training

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"Leather Dynamite" had a thorough test when members of Headquarters Company and Company C of the 78th Lightening Division's 311th Regiment's second platoon went on a night problem recently.

Before leaving the regimental area the groups were divided into patrol and ambush units and armed with boxing gloves. When the two parties met the leather flew thick and fast. Officers who served as referees declared a man out when he was knocked down.

The boxing glove technic of training men in the field was first used in World War I with success by Col. M. E. Olmstead, regimental commander, who was then a second lieutenant in charge of a platoon.



## Fort Des Moines Staging Area Is 'Rich' with WAAC Customs



A WAAC in the Staging Area at First WAAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Ia., finds one of the 'good luck' coins left by a member of one of the original WAAC companies which passed through the Staging Area. The lucky pennies are one of the oldest Staging Area customs at Fort Des Moines.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia.—When All Baba craved excitement, he called "Open sesame" and adventure began to pop! Aladdin had a charm word, too, for he muttered "Abracadabra," gave his little lamp a polish and there was the Genie, Johnny-on-the-spot!

There are two magic words at 1st WAAC training center here: "Staging Area." The mere mention of the phrase makes WAAC eyes sparkle with excitement. When an Auxiliary says, "I'm in the Staging Area," her friends feel envious.

The Staging Area at Fort Des Moines is the jumping-off place for

WAAC companies who are ready for field duty at Army posts, camps and stations throughout the country. Excitement runs high as each company is activated, given last-minute training and sent off in convoy headed for duty with the Army.

The Staging Area regime is a tough one. Manned by nine WAAC officers and 48 WAAC non-commissioned officers, the WAACs are given a blitz course in the work they'll do in the field. They are precision-drilled until they parade in perfect unison. Their uniforms must be the acme of military perfection and there is a great flurry of washing and ironing.

But trust a WAAC to make light of her work, no matter how hard it is, with the result that the first Staging Area company set up some amusing customs which each succeeding company has followed, and supplemented.

As soon as WAACs are assigned to the Staging Area, they make a bee-line for their bunks. No, they don't go to bed. Every WAAC rips her bunk apart on the hunt for a penny left behind by the last occupant. These pennies are good-luck coins left originally by the first company, and as each WAAC finds hers, she rubs it, makes a wish, and preserves it for the next group. The pennies are worn almost flat now, but woe to the WAAC who loses one. She gets in the doghouse for sure.

The Staging Area mess sergeant is one of the longest suffering individuals on the post. For not only must she supervise cooking for a company that is too excited to eat, but she must listen also to pointed

serenades, the mildest of which is:

"The chicken that you serve us  
They say is mighty fine.  
My leg jumped off the table  
And started marking time.

They say the eggs you serve us  
Are fresh as they can be.  
Mine got up this morning  
And crowed for reveille.

The biscuits that you serve us  
They say are mighty fine.  
One fell on the table  
And killed a pal of mine."

The mess sergeant takes it all very calmly and grins, for she knows that when the company moves out, she'll be presented with enough nickels and dimes to buy herself a new saucepan or a box of apples for the next company.

There is another very important collection of pennies in the Staging Area. Although the WAACs know they are moving out, they never know their destination. There are always some optimistic and adventurous souls who claim that they're going to end up in Alaska or Australia. To make the guessing more exciting . . . and profitable . . . each WAAC chips in a cent. The one who guesses nearest the actual destination which is revealed on the eve of departure, collects 150 pennies. But she's the loser after all, for she's got to stand her 149 sister WAACs to soft drinks before they leave the post.

As each company departs for the railroad station in WAAC-driven trucks, the road is lined by the Stay-at-homes who call good wishes after them. The travelers, off to adventure and exciting work, reply with "Auld Lang Syne" in harmony, and the last sweet strains of it linger long after the trucks are lost to sight.

Then, the WAAC non-coms rest up for a day. They relax by invading the Staging Area mess hall, tossing out the regular cooks, and cooking their own meals. More than that, they do their own KP, which is something, indeed, for non-coms.

About the time the last dish is being washed, the mess hall phone rings. They know what the message will be. It's a new WAAC company, to be prepared for field duty at an Army post, camp or station. It's more pennies, more songs and more drilling.

MARINES don't like women in their organization. But one of them, Lucy Brewer, served three years in the corps during the war of 1812. She enlisted as Pvt. George Baker.

UNITED STATES builds 175 planes every working day.

## Assembly Line Method Used to Examine Medics

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Credit the 76th Armored Medical Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Roosevelt Cafarelli, with the newest way to make the teaching of first aid treatment interesting to the troops.

The medics examined every man in the division during a four-day period last week by means of a series of 10 tests.

The county fair method of testing was used, whereby the men passed from exhibit in groups of 10 to 12 and wrote down their answers on a mimeographed form especially prepared for the examination.

The subjects touched upon ranged anywhere from which type of injury—face burns, frostbite, shock or broken leg—should be treated first to how would you go about sterilizing water—by applying iodine, salt, chlorine, baking soda or boiling?

In each instance, the medics had

men on hand to actually demonstrate proper and improper methods in order to better illustrate the problem to the men being tested.

Other questions asked were: what type of wound should the patient have if he is to be treated with morphine; how and where should pressure points be applied when the patient is breathing freely; in which type of desert foliage, greasewood or barrel cactus, can water be found; which of three patients, one with pain, the second with fever, and the third bleeding freely, should be treated for shock; where to sleep in relation to a vehicle, under, in front, beside, or to the rear; does heat kill germs, stimulate their growth, simply warm the food? Should fruit be eaten raw and unwashed? Is it better to peel and boil before consuming?

## Stewart Cars May Be Checked at Any Time

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—"X" is marking a lot of spots at Camp Stewart these days.

A spot-check of experts, in an appropriately marked pickup truck, tours the reservation daily and indiscriminately flags down Army vehicles.

Then the team goes into speedy action and within 10 minutes the vehicle has been thoroughly checked. If any deficiencies are discovered the organization to whom the vehicle belongs gets an "X" for each one; and a report goes to the organization that this is also an "X" for the Axis.

The check form used lists a total of 83 items which are checked on each vehicle—and an X is given for any one of these which is found to be deficient.

These items include the following: trip ticket, driver's license, tire pressure posted, unit markings, condition of tire chains, condition of fire extinguisher, condition of horn, engine oil, cylinder head, motor mountings, front axle assembly, lubricant level, differential leaks, battery, hub bolts and tire pressure.

The contest, which lasts for six weeks, is designed to promote "preventive maintenance" of vehicles. Winners will receive special passes and letters of commendation.

The contest was originated by the AAATC automotive section under

Capt. Syd Ringer. This section operates under the AAATC staff section headed by Lt. Col. William H. Morris.

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## Range Record Rewarded By Breakfast in Bed

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Pvt. Orbin C. Molen made a firing record of 187, and as a reward had his breakfast in bed attended by three sergeants in spotless white.

Lt. W. W. Hines, platoon commander, to encourage his men, offered room service for a day to the top man and Private Molen came through in style. The rest of the platoon rolled up an average score of 156.182, best in Battery D, FA.

## Father, Son Receive Commissions Day Apart

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Lt. Robert M. Hancock Sr., received his commission at the Army Administration Officer Candidate School No. 3 this week, just 24 hours after his son Robert Jr., was given his bars and wings as a fighter pilot at West Point.

Lieutenant Hancock Sr. enlisted in the Army in 1918. After the Armistice he became a chemist. He rejoined the Army in November, 1942.

## Ack-Ack Unit Receives Three Commendations

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The 477th Antiaircraft Battalion, a colored unit, received three commendations in one day, for excellence in anti-mechanized firing, for efficiency and teamwork, and for neatness.

Two noteworthy training performance letters were received by the commanding officer, Lt. Col. Lawrence A. Strobel, for its superior firing, and another from the post engineer commending it on the neatness with which it left an area when vacating it for a new one.

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# Where Will the Invasion Be? Hitler Wants To Know; Maybe One of These Is Answer

WASHINGTON—In view of the official announcement that the prospective invasion of Europe will be made from the west and/or south, an article on "Routes into Europe," by Col. Conrad H. Lanza, who knows the European situation intimately, in the current issue of the Field Artillery Journal, is particularly significant.

At least 100 German divisions are in occupied Western Europe, or in GHQ reserve, from time to time changing places with divisions in Russia. About 100 more divisions from vassal states are also in European areas. Russia wants an invasion to be made on such a scale as to keep these divisions in Europe busy, to make it impracticable for the Axis to replace exhausted divisions now in Russia.

## Governing Factors

Selection of invasion routes depends on: a. Sea route, with consideration of the rapidity with which troops and supplies can be landed. b. Debarking facilities. c. Distance from debarking areas to Berlin, which is taken as the objective. d. Probable resistance en route to the objective. In the Straits of Dover, for instance, it might be possible for transports to make two round trips daily, but from Algeria to Southern France it might take four or five days per round trip.

An invasion of Norway would remove the source of much German raw material, would stop the use of Norwegian labor, and would probably be the means of bringing Sweden, now neutral, in military association with the Allies. But Norway presents many difficulties, both as to landing and transport, as was illustrated in the attempted British invasion in 1940.

## Shortest Routes

An invasion of North Germany, from the Baltic Sea, while hazardous, would present the shortest distance to the objective—only 100 miles to Berlin—over terrain which does not offer important obstacles. This would entail the securing of the sea passage and also the capture of Copenhagen, and probably a pre-invasion of Denmark. But to make it effective the enemy divisions would have to be drawn off to protect some other area.

Physical conditions make an invasion of North Germany and the Dutch coast hazardous and improbable. Not only is it heavily defended,

but enemy forces could be concentrated in the area rapidly. It would be essential, also, to provide protection for both flanks of an invading army, and would require very large forces.

## Cover Flanks

The low countries are only about 100 miles from Great Britain, but the coastal areas here have been intensively fortified, and other preparations made further inland which would be difficult to pass. If a landing is made north of the Rhine, that river would cover the right flank and the sea the left flank, with a front, to begin, of not more than 40 miles. Though this would necessarily be increased as Holland is reached. Beyond Holland the German West Wall, also fortified similar to the coastal areas, would have to be penetrated.

A landing in the Low Countries south of the Rhine would mean breaking through similar coast defenses, and an advance through South Holland and Belgium would mean meeting a strong enemy line following the Meuse river with a system of forts such as at Liege and Namur, and additional works which have been built between these. One

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## Record

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Pfc. Carl H. Hatcher, of the Black Cat Division's G-3 office, lays claim to a unique record. He is offering to meet all comers for the championship of his class.

This is what Hatcher is boasting about: He's been in the Army for 10 months and he served his first stretch at KP the other day. That, he says, is something of a world's record.

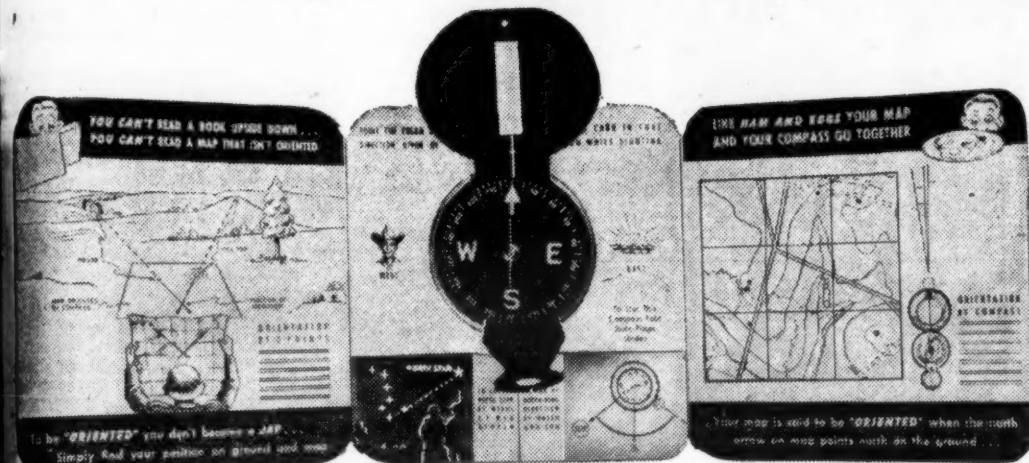
## First Indian Appointed To Chaplain Corps

WASHINGTON.—Appointment of the first Indian chaplain in the Army of the United States was announced this week by the War Department. He is Chaplain (1st Lt.) James Collins Ottipoby, a Comanche Indian, who is now attending the Chaplain School at Harvard University.

## McNair Likes Teen-Age Soldier's Attitude

TEMPLE, Tex.—Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair stated that reducing the draft age has given the Army new life and pep. "I like the looks of the faces of the teen-age boys," he said. "You can see they're out for business." "We are making it a point that no unit has more than 75 per cent of them," he declared. "The 25 per cent of older men provide necessary balance and experience."

# Dummy Training Compass Latest Aid To Teaching of Compass, Map Reading



WASHINGTON—One of the latest training devices is the Dummy Training Compass, illustrated above. It is intended to facilitate instruction in compass and map reading by reducing the difficulty that results from a limited supply of issue compasses for training purposes. With this training compass, a sub-

ject of importance to every soldier can be presented in an interesting and instructive method.

The dummy training compass consists essentially of a triple-fold cardboard folder of shirt pocket size on which is mounted a cardboard replica of the lensatic compass. On the folder are printed illustrations

and instructions which cover azimuth determination by compass, by big dipper and north star, and by watch and sun; map, orientation by compass, and by the two-point method; and it explains the use of grid squares on the maps and azimuth and distance from locating points on the ground. The illustrations include common conventional signs and military symbols used on military maps.

Complete in detail, the parts of the compass replica are movable so that the compass can be used for instruction in exactly the same way an issue compass is used, except that the compass, being of cardboard, has no magnetic attraction.

To use the compass, the flaps are folded under the compass, held between the fingers. The card is held so that the polar bear and arrow point toward magnetic north. The hinged eyepiece is rotated to sight on the distant point. Its azimuth is read on the compass card.

The dummy training compass is intended for issue to troops at the beginning of the training period on map reading. It will be used to supplement the issue compass and the information published in FM 21-25, Elementary Map and Aerial Photograph Reading.

The initial distribution will be automatic without requisition from the Adjutant General Depot in each Service Command to schools, replacement training centers, unit training centers, posts, camps and stations on the basis of one compass to each four soldiers undergoing instruction in the United States in map reading and compass use. Commanding officers responsible for activation of new units will be responsible for requisitioning the training compass for initial distribution to each such unit.

# WAACs Swamp Chaplains; More Needed at Oglethorpe

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga.—Twenty-two services and three Army chaplains aren't enough to accommodate the crowds of WAACs in churches here at the Third WAAC Training Center.

In fact, Chaplain John O. Lindquist, Chief, Chaplains Branch, Fourth Service Command, has made recommendations to Washington for nine chaplains to be allotted to this

post, Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, has announced.

"In my 17 years in the Army I've never seen anything like it," the Post Chaplain, Frederick W. Hagan, said. "We have had numerous services and well-filled chapels before, with men soldiers, but nothing like this."

There are three chapels and four chaplains on the Post and seven services are held. Crowds at services have been so great that WAACs have often stood outside the chapel doors. According to Assistant Post Chaplain C. E. Skoien, the M.P.'s are called on to assist in "directing WAAC traffic" as one congregation comes out to make room for another group at the next service.

WASHINGTON—The religious life of the members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will be studied by a group of nine clergymen of various denominations who will visit training centers at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., June 2, 3 and 4 under escort of Chaplain (Colonel) George F. Rixey, deputy chief of chaplains of the Army, and Director Oveta Culp Hobby, of the WAAC, the War Department announced today.

## Fifth WAAC Training Center To Be Abandoned

WASHINGTON—The Fifth Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Training Center, including the Headquarters at Camp Ruston, La., and installations at Camp Polk, La., and Camp Monticello, Ark., will be discontinued about June 10, the War Department announced today.

Additional facilities at the first four training centers make this temporary training center unnecessary now. It was established in March, to utilize existing facilities. Army and WAAC personnel will be redistributed to the four centers at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Daytona Beach, Fla., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Fort Devens, Mass.

SEVENTY-EIGHT per cent of the men in the British Army are now classed physically as AL.

# Movie Players Go To Many Camps

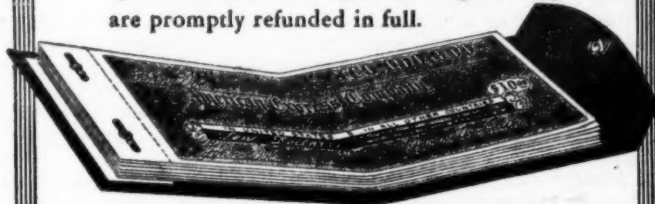
WASHINGTON—The Motion Picture Division of USO-Camp Shows, through the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division, dispatched more film players last week to perform at various camps. Mickey Rooney and Les Peterson opened June 2 at Camp Fitzsimmons and will close June 9 at Fitzsimmons General Hospital as a one-man show. Vivian Blaine opened at Geiger Field on May 31 to play as guest star of Hullobaloo through June 12, at Salt Lake City Army Air Base.

Bob Burns is making another guest tour, playing Hicks Field, Camp Wolters and Luke Field on June 11, 12, 14, respectively; and Janet Blair will make appearances from May 24 to June 5, inclusive, starting at Portland AAB and ending at Paine Field. Roscoe Karns and Phyllis Brooks will be guest stars of Merry Go Round on a route which opened at Fourth Ferrying Command on May 31 and closes June 12 at AAF Facility, Topeka.

Other motion picture stars who have toured the camps during recent months include Cary Grant, Joan Blondell, Mary Brian and Walter Abel, Allan Jones, Guy Kibbee, Eddie Bracken, Dick Powell, Ritz Brothers, Slim Somerville, Akim Tamiroff and Leonid Kinsky, Charles Ruggles and Frances Gifford, Virginia Grey, John Garfield and Anne Lynne, William Gargan and Brenda Joyce, Lynn Bari and Allyn Joslyn, Lee Bowman and Martha O'Driscoll, Marcia McGuire, Marie McDonald and Noel Nell, Phil Regan and Adele Mara, Harpo Marx and Lou Holtz.

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## The Real Thing

One factor in regard to the training of the American soldier has become increasingly evident as news of methods and experiences have come back from the various battlelines—a continuously-growing urge to make the training as near as possible the real thing.

The old methods of spending the training period largely in marching and formations, with obedience to command a much-impressed element, with the idea of instilling discipline, are gone. Now the tendency is to realism in every possible form, to show the soldier what he is likely to be up against, to give him every possible experience in actual battle-action.

Item after item, picture after picture, coming in from the hundreds of training camps, show how American ingenuity is being utilized in hundreds of ways to create this factor of battle realism.

For instance, no one ever thought it possible, previous to this war, to use actual service ammunition in training operations, or on maneuvers, to teach troops to keep down, out of the reach of enemy fire. The Link trainer presents actual flying conditions, for the student pilot, without danger either to him or the plane. This week brought news of a somewhat similar apparatus to be used to give actual training to bombardiers. Even military maps have been made realistic, with models of enemy weapons, made to scale, and puffs of smoke coming from below to indicate gunfire or explosions. Mock-ups have been built reproducing in actual size sections of enemy towns, so that methods of attack and defense might be realistically demonstrated. From the Signal Corps headquarters comes word of a new method of teaching blinker-telegraphy by the use of a special tri-dimensional landscape section in which neon bulbs are used as blinkers, in place of the former winking-bulb on the student's desk.

It seems assured that the training camps and schools will see more of this as further experience comes from the fighting fronts. General Lesley McNair, speaking last week at a press conference on the operations of American troops in the Tunisian campaign, noted: "We are going to pound a little harder in our training on some of those things which have not proved sufficiently effective in battle." Amplifying this, he went on: "While our troops have been taught and taught certain do's and don'ts, when they get into the excitement of battle, especially in the early stages, they seem to forget."

Similar thought has been expressed by leaders who have come back after seeing the fighting in the Pacific area. So it seems assured that every possible step will be taken to make the training even more "the real thing," so that every man will be experienced in as close an approximation to actual battle experience as is possible, before he is called on to face the enemy on any of the fighting fronts.

## Opportunity Knocks



## LETTERS

### Deserve Ribbon

Gentlemen:

There has been a great deal of controversy in this organization regarding the wearing of the defense service ribbon by soldiers. In my case I was inducted on September 23, 1941, and have been told at times that I am eligible to wear it and other times I have been told that only men having served one year's service prior to December 7, 1941, are authorized to wear it. I would appreciate an interpretation.

S/Sgt. Arthur R. Ryden  
Fort Ord, Calif.

The War Department explains that enlisted men who served in the armed forces for 12 months between September 7, 1940, and December 7, 1941, are eligible for the ribbon. Hence, you would not be eligible.—Ed.

### V-Mail Gains in Favor Beats Peace Time Service

WASHINGTON—The rapidly growing public recognition of the advantages of V-mail is attested by the fact that 2,058,291 more letters on rolls of film were sent to soldiers overseas in April, 1943, than in March, the War Department announced today. The number was 8,954,619 in April as against 6,896,328 in March.

More than 50,000,000 micro-filmed V-mail letters have been handled without the loss of a single letter, because the original letters are held until word is received that the filmed duplicates have reached their destinations. Speed of delivery is an added factor. V-mail from various points in North Africa is now being received in the United States in less than two weeks, which is several weeks less than the transit time of North African mails in time of peace.

## Take a Bus

(News Item: Pfc. Fletcher Robertson, Hq. Btry, Camp Butler, N. C., wanted to look his best when he headed for town on a pass, so he ignored the post rule banning garrison belts and garrison hats. When he hailed a ride, his driver turned out to be Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Jarker Jr., 78th Division commander, who issued the order. Private Robertson got KP.)

A PFC, to see his she,  
Put on his belt of leather;  
Atop his map.  
He thought a cap  
Called Garrison looked clever;  
Nor needed he  
The post's decree  
That the twain don't go together.

So out strolled he to 12th and B,  
To thumb his transportation;  
Thus not to lower by two bits more  
His evening's recreation.

A Bulck Eight  
Pulled up in state;  
The driver bade him enter.  
Full heedlessly,  
This PFC  
Flopped down on his dead center.  
Upon the seat  
To cock his feet  
And contemplate his mentor.

He took one look  
And then he shook  
His blood now chill, ran colder.  
His chauffeur wore  
Bright stars galore,  
Upon each rigid shoulder.

This PFC  
Now does KP  
To barrack he's restricted.  
And every way  
He rues the day  
When cap and belt conflicted.  
And now he swears  
That all he wears  
To post rules will conform.  
Nor will he ride  
At a general's side  
When out of uniform.

Moral: When you're not GI—take a bus.

By Cpl. Wallace D. White,  
Camp Butler, N. C.

### Eye Standards for Draft May Be Lowered Soon

WASHINGTON — Physical standards of both Army and Navy will be lowered shortly, according to authoritative sources, because sufficient men cannot be gotten at the present rigid standards.

A number of officials, it is said, have been urging the lowering of standards to make it possible to postpone the drafting of fathers. The principal change, it is said, will be in the eye requirements for general service.

## Fight, Army Men, Fight!

Clayton E. Wheat

March time

Philip Egner



"FIGHT, ARMY MEN, FIGHT" is the first of a series of Army-written songs presented in ARMY TIMES. The music is from the official West Point March, written by Lt. Philip Egner, former West Point bandmaster. The men of the

Corps have marched to it for years. The words were written by Col. Clayton E. Wheat especially for the soldiers in the Army. The song is applicable to all branches of the Army—Ground, Air and Service Forces.



# New Kinks

## Pigeon 'Chutes

Pigeons are now being used by paratroopers who are expected to land behind enemy lines and may be used to use radio to get information back to their bases. Parachutes are being provided for the pigeons. The birds are dropped either in special containers strapped to the soldiers' chests or in cages attached to their own parachutes.

## Morale Bomb

The Italians are boasting of a new "super bomb" which they say would slaughter wholesale the populations of Great Britain and other allied nations. The explosive is described as "a mixture of liquid air that, when released over any given target, will cause the destruction of anything within 800 metres radius." Other important details are lacking, so that the new bomb is regarded more as a morale-booster than as a practical weapon.

## Folding Stretcher

A new "utility litter" which can be worn as a gas mask, or converted into a stretcher, to carry a soldier on a man's back, has been invented by an American transport expert. The gadget is made from a concertina-like section of buoyant canvas, to which telescoping aluminum rods are fitted. It is said to permit operation when it is difficult to get to the wounded under certain conditions with the traditional rigid stretcher.

## Water-Light

A light-weight waterlight is designed to be used to attract rescuers to seamen adrift at sea. A plastic case and dome not only increases the efficiency of the former waterlight but also cuts the weight four-fifths, to three pounds.

## Inventive Canadians

Canadian officers and soldiers in Britain have devised and developed "all sorts of new and better fighting weapons," it is reported by Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner to Canada. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, head of the Canadian forces in Britain, has encouraged his men "to use their ingenuity, with the result that they have produced dramatic new equipment about which the enemy will learn to his cost when the times comes"

## Patrol Craft Escort

A new type of patrol craft, designed to track down submarines, and "for heavy convoy duty in Northern waters," is under construction in United States shipyards. The "first several" have already been launched. The new PCE's—Patrol Craft Escort—are 180 feet long, and are equipped with the latest type detection devices of armament. Another new type, the PCS, which is an adaptation of the 136-foot wooden mine-sweeper, has armament, depth charges and other instruments substituted in place of the sweeping apparatus.

## Armored Rafts

Siebel ferries, heavily armored plant rafts, floating on pontoons, are said to be a new Axis weapon against a second front in Europe. It is believed they were designed originally as troop carriers for the invasion of Britain, but production came too late, and they are now to be used for moving coast defenses to threatened points. They are said to carry an armament of five 40mm. and one 88mm. gun, besides numerous machine guns. They can carry also as many as 200 riflemen.

## Radio Life-Saver

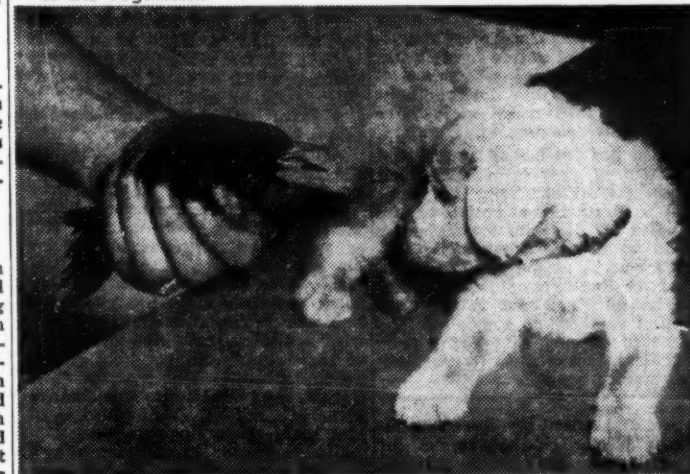
A portable radio transmitter, dropped from a British plane to 19 survivors of a ship torpedoed in the North Atlantic, provided means to summon a destroyer for their rescue. The apparatus which automatically sends out SOS signals when a crank is turned, is said to be about the size of a home coffee-grinder, and to be fool-proof.

## Yellow Fever Preventive

A new type of aqueous yellow fever vaccine, which has been adopted by the American Army for protection of troops going into yellow fever areas, has been used in 600,000 doses without jaundice or other unfavorable reactions resulting. The new vaccine is a distilled water extract of 10 to 11-day old chick embryos which have been infected with a suitable strain of yellow fever vi-



FANNIE, mascot and honorary company commander of the 346th Infantry Regiment of the 87th Division at Camp McCain, Miss., perches on the shoulder of her owner, Lt. Frank Minor, and keeps an eye on things. She loves food and her "boys" of the regiment.



"FLASH", mascot of the photo section at the Bainbridge, Ga., Army Air Field, can't understand what this woodpecker is all about. Flying in through an open door, "Woody" made himself quite at home with the boys until, "Flash" snapped at him, then the personnel decided that it was time for "Woody" to return to nature. SEAAFTC Photo

rus. Each lot of vaccine must pass four rigid control tests before being released for human use.

## Sheets Needed

Sheets as well as blankets are needed by soldiers sleeping in the open, scientific tests at the National Bureau of Standards show. Wool blankets permit more air to pass through them than cotton sheets of the ordinary grade. Thus the combination of a light blanket with two sheets gives greater comfort than a single heavy blanket without increasing the weight.

## Ice Cream 'Medicine'

Ice cream and showers were found to be excellent treatment for the Marines affected by what is now termed "war neurosis," rather than shell shock, who came out of "the green hell" of Guadalcanal. Most of the mental patients were simply worn out from lack of sleep and rest.

## For High Flying

A secret new chemical which will prolong by fifty times the life of carbon generator brushes in high altitudes is being produced in America. One of the banes of high-altitude flying heretofore has been the fact that the carbon brushes wear out in an average of two hours, sometimes in even a few minutes, above 50,000 feet. If the brushes fail and batteries are drained the plane's radio, radio compass, landing gear, gun turrets and other electrically-operated mechanisms are useless. Brushes impregnated with the new chemical will last for 100 hours or more above 30,000 feet.

## Mine Detector

A landmine detector which looks like a carpet-sweeper and was first made from meat bones, wood, scrap metal and old radio parts, was in-

vented by a Polish officer, and is said to have had a good deal to do with the way General Montgomery's men cleared out the German mines in their sweep across North Africa. The detector consists of a six-foot pole on the end of which is the "sweeper," an oval-shaped flat box containing the delicate mechanism, and a pair of ear-phones. When the sweeper approaches a landmine the sapper hears a buzzing sound which warns him of the buried trap.

## Aerial Mapping Trainer

Just as aviation cadets learn the feel of a plane from the Link trainer, students at the school of photography at the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola, Fla., learn to shoot pictures under actual flying conditions without leaving the ground, with a new aerial mapping trainer. The mechanically-operated trainer teaches students to direct the "crabbing" of a plane to follow flight lines, right in the class room.

## "Woolworth Carrier"

H. M. S. Battler, the first of the new lend-lease anti-submarine ships, designed to accompany convoys through the U-boat lanes, was seen in England recently. Primarily a carrier, she has seven decks with hangers for fighter and torpedo bombers, and has workshops fitted for any replacement. She bristles with anti-aircraft guns and is specially speedy. The Royal Navy has dubbed the new type "Woolworth Carriers."

## Mosquito Sprayer

At Langley Field, Va., a belly tank from a P-39 has been attached to the underpart of the fuselage of an O-40 and equipped with a small propeller. The tank is filled with a mixture of paris green and lime which is sprayed on the fields and swamps surrounding the base as a mosquito-killer.

# Weather Wins Or Loses Battles

## Air Forces Now Chief Weather Prophets for Whole Army

WASHINGTON—It wasn't by accident that most of the Pacific sea and air battles have been waged in weather favorable to the Americans. Nor again that Jap warships rode under storm clouds from Japan to Kiska when the enemy invasion of the Aleutians occurred last summer.

Because, despite Mark Twain's time-worn aphorism that nobody does anything about the weather, in war time a good many people do do something. United States and Allied interests it is in the Army Air Forces' weather directorate and the navy aeronautics' bureau's department of aerology. In war time clouds and winds and showers are not matters for casual conversation only. They are matters of vital importance which may be the means of victory or defeat.

### Weather Helped Them

Again, it was more than good luck for the Germans when the Nazi pocket-battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst pulled out of the harbor at Brest and got well through the English channel to the North Sea before they were detected. There were plenty of Allied aircraft in the neighborhood to spot them. But just as they steamed into the channel they were covered by a heavy and low overcast which shielded them effectively.

This brings to mind the question raised in many American minds recently when Russia permitted Japanese fishermen to continue fishing stations in the Behring Strait area, just opposite Alaska. It appears quite possible that these "stations" were developed into weather stations and that, since the prevailing winds are east, information may have come from them which permitted the Japanese expedition to get into the Aleutians last summer without detection.

Weather observations have been taken in the United States Army since 1814. But for many years they were the responsibility of Army surgeons who used them in connection with fever epidemics. Later the Signal Corps was given the responsibility for weather forecasting. But in 1937 these duties were turned over to the Air Forces. Now practically all the forces in the field use the data collected by the Air Corps.

### Early On Scene

It is not generally known that every plane must be briefed by a forecaster before it takes off on any extended duty. Choice of target, bomb and gas load and other considerations are dependent on weather information. Hence the weather man is on the scene in a new war theater almost as soon as the first planes arrive. And he is among the last to leave.

Troubles have come to both Army and Navy weather men in the Southwest Pacific. For one reason, the weather there is unusually turbulent. Again, stations are far apart and the enemy holds vast territory

where most of the weather changes originate. One of the Navy's most difficult problems is forecasting for voyages of two and three thousand miles.

Obviously, since the weather is such a large factor in almost all types of operations, many expert men are needed in that service. And the requirements for the "weather" men are exacting. They must have had at least three years of college, with a science or engineering major. Then, a 30 weeks' course is given them in some of the nation's leading technical schools or in the Army's weather-training center at Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Sometimes Wrong

With all their training, the weather men cannot always be right. A good example of this cropped up in the North African invasion, in which, fortunately, wrong weather prognostication turned out favorably for the invading forces. One reason for the choice of the date of the invasion, decided months in advance, was the fact that storms are prevalent in November off the North African Coast. Hence it was thought that the enemy would not look for invasion at that time. But the usual conditions did not prevail and there was scarcely a ripple on the sea on the morning the American forces made their way ashore to begin the "Second Front" in Africa.

It may be recalled that Gen. George C. Marshall called that condition an act of providence. However that may be, the weather men are not at all likely to object to his statement.

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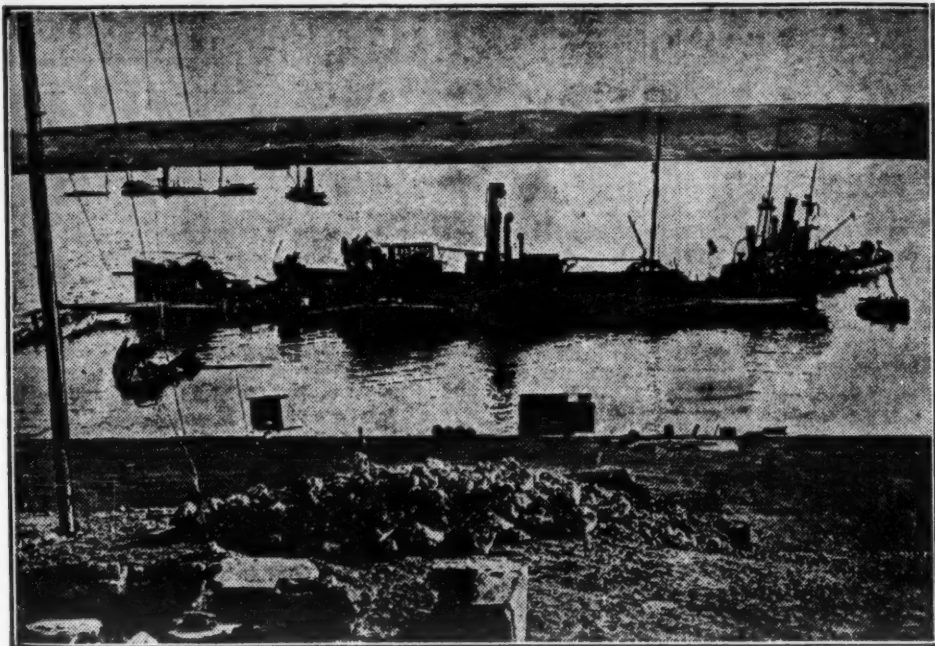


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**WRECKED AXIS SHIPPING** lies half submerged beside quays following the Allied attacks. This picture is typical of most of the ports in North Africa. Stones in the foreground are all that remain of store buildings which held supplies for Rommel's army.

## Life at the Front

Reports on Fighting Men  
From All Over the World

### Shovelling Fish

AMCHITKA, Alaska.—The American Army landed in something of a fishermen's paradise here. No tackle was available at first. It has since been sent on. But a good substitute was available, at least in some sections. "They just used shovels," one of the first men to land here, said. "They actually scooped the fish out of the streams. That's how plentiful they are."

### Attending Sacraments

NORTH AFRICA.—American soldiers here are taking religion much more seriously in the battle areas than they did at home. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Patrick J. Ryan says: "I have never seen so many men attending to their sacraments so readily."

### Savage Japs

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Father George Xager, an American missionary who was in Japan at the time of the Doolittle bombing of Tokyo, tells of the savagery of the Japs who wrecked vengeance on Chinese and missionaries for aiding some of the Doolittle flyers. Towns were laid waste completely. The whole countryside reeked of death in every form. Just one charge was not heard—canibalism. But outside of that take your choice and you can't miss the savage nature of the Japanese army.

### Stork Beaten

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—A plane beat the stork in a race from the Egyptian battle zone to St. Francis Hospital here last week. Second Lt. Frances Ryan, of the Army Nurses Corps and wife of 1st Lt. Joseph Ryan, had been ordered back to the United States because she was shortly to become a mother.

She left Egypt by Army plane early in February, but was subject to several delays en route. At Puerto Rico, it became evident that the baby would be born ahead of schedule, so Mrs. Ryan was rushed by plane to an Army hospital here. The child was born prematurely the day following her arrival.

### Smooth Mabel

AMAAN, Transjordan.—The Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan, took a fancy to Mabel, a jeep which some American soldiers were driving around in the Jordan valley, and wanted to try it. "We lunged ahead over the bumpy, rutted, desert road," one of the soldiers tells, plunged across a couple of wadis, and then looked at him. He was still smiling. We spun Mabel around a couple of times to show her ability to turn on a one-plastre piece, and started back. As we left we asked him how he enjoyed his ride. "Very nice," he said, "very smooth, very comfortable." "Which was kind of him," the story went on, "since while Mabel's a nice old girl, she's definitely not smooth and absolutely not comfortable."

### Adventure Aloft

WITH THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE IN INDIA—When the bomb-release mechanism failed to operate at extremely high altitude on a bombing raid over Rangoon S/Sgt. Norman S. Goldstein, aerial engineer and gunner, left his gun position and hastily attached his oxygen mask to a portable bottle, to climb along the bombbay catwalk. Since quarters were very close he had to leave his parachute behind. While using a screw-driver to free the bomb-releasing mechanism, he tore his mask, began to suffer from lack of

## VD Rate Mounting For Soldier Abroad

LONDON.—United States Army medical authorities, according to Stars and Stripes, are "waging a concerted campaign to halt the mounting venereal disease toll among troops in the British Isles."

In the first four months of this year 2060 members of the U. S. Army in the European theatre were temporarily put out of action by venereal disease. This includes only men who have consulted Army physicians. It is assumed that many more have consulted civilian doctors.

Britain has much less control and regulation of venereal disease than the United States. Thus the campaign to draw the attention of the troops to its dangers. Prophylactics are to be issued, prophylactic stations are to be established in a number of the Red Cross clubs. But the Army doctors are said to feel that the best method of controlling the disease is "simply to tell the men about it and leave them to use their own common sense."

oxygen, and lapsed into unconsciousness just as he freed the bombs. As he collapsed his heavy clothes wedged him against the bomb racks and prevented him falling through the open bomb bay. He was discovered there by the pilot and another crew member.

### Fighting Weather

ALASKA—American troops who recently made the initial landing on desolate Amchitka Island in the Aleutians had to fight weather conditions which were in many ways worse than facing Japs. Amchitka, adjacent to Kiska, provides a base on which weather conditions of the region may be judged. A 90-mile gale, with mud which bogged down guns and made even walking almost impossible, made it a real struggle to get the material for a post ashore and placed. Nothing at all existed on the island except a weed-covered Russian cemetery. Construction work had to be started from scratch. But in a short time an airfield had been completed, despite regular daily Jap bombing attacks, and anti-aircraft and seacoast artillery were installed on permanent emplacements.

### 'Blind' Hit

WITH THE AMERICAN AIR FORCES IN ENGLAND—Second Lt. John B. Mulvana had the experience of bringing down a German Me-109 over Bremen without even aiming. Lieutenant Mulvana had just dropped bombs from "Old Bill," a B-17 Fortress, and turned to his guns to find they were not feeding smoothly. Concentrating attention on the feeder mechanism he fired a short burst, without even knowing the Nazi fighter was emerging from a cloud bank. "You got him," called another member of the crew over the interphone. "Why don't you call out those attacks?" The M.E. was going down in flames and breaking up.

### Pants Life-Saver

NEW GUINEA—Improvised water wings, made from flying pants, kept Cpl. Carlton O'Dell from drowning when he was catapulted into a choppy sea from a crashed flying boat. After helping two trapped soldiers from the sinking wreckage of the plane he salvaged a barracks bag and hung to it till it became water-logged. As it was going down he ripped it open, pulled out a pair of Army trousers, tied knots in the leg ends, then waved them over head and forced them under water.

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## 'Molotov' Is Dead—They'll Miss Him

Here's a story such as comes once in a long while from the war fronts—a picture of bravado and sheer daring which rivals the exploits of any fictional or comic-strip hero, an outline of a personality which would have carried its owner Heaven only knows where, in civilian life. In war it carried him—well, let's look at it.

His name was Karl Warner. He was a blonde, curly-headed, handsome lad of about 30, who came into the 9th Division at Fort Bragg, N. C. His address was given as 356 West 45th street, New York City, a boarding house where he lived alone. For some reason he wouldn't talk about his past and his service record listed no previous occupation.

### Regiment's Bad Boy

As a raw recruit he was the regiment's bad boy. While everyone liked him—they couldn't help it, no officer or non-com succeeded in keeping him in line. He was the fellow who was always messing up the drill formations. On route marches he was usually the first to drop out. Then would show up hours later, usually riding on the medical truck. He was a bad man to place on sentry duty since he usually proceeded to go peacefully to sleep, or left his post unguarded.

In six months he picked up two special court martials. But no matter how serious the charges he was such a persuasive talker and had so charming a personality that he was always able to talk himself out of them.

Time after time he went AWOL. But somehow managed to get away with it. He had a special tailor-made uniform which he used to sport outside camp, to the mystification of the MPs. He was the champion crap-shooter of the Division.

After a little he somehow picked up the name "Molotov," probably after the hot "cocktail" the Russians were using at the time on German tanks. That name was even used at roll calls. The adjutant had to look for his service record to get his real name. The nickname was featured in an American magazine, about the time our troops landed in Tunisia, with a display line "Molotov, mayor of New York." He got hold of the article, evidently sent him by some friends, and stuck up the feature name in the tent. That glued it to him more definitely than ever.

His company commander, Capt. Willard Barnwell, says that Warner seemed to be prouder of his earlier record, particularly of his courts martial experiences, than of any of his later exploits. They came merely as routine incidents in the day's work.

### Skillful Scout

He continued to be a good deal of a law to himself in Africa, but soon developed into one of the most skillful scouts in the Army. He worked, for the most part, on his own initiative, without asking anyone's permission, and was so successful that, again, he got away with it. For instance, he would jump up from a crap game, saying, as though he had some intuitive sense of something going on: "I'm going out to see what the score is."

He would disappear, sometimes for an hour, sometimes for days at a time, but always showed up, finally with his pockets stuffed with souvenirs to prove that he had actually been inside the enemy lines. It was suggested by some of his friends that perhaps his most impelling motive was to collect these souvenirs. He liked to give them away. He never told how he got the souvenirs. Perhaps he had killed the owners. That was an incident. Perhaps he was most proud of a long, black plume taken from a high-ranking Italian officer, which he wore in his hat. He announced an intention of getting an Italian pistol for every man in the company, and was fairly well on the way to fulfilling the boast.

### Outstanding Exploit

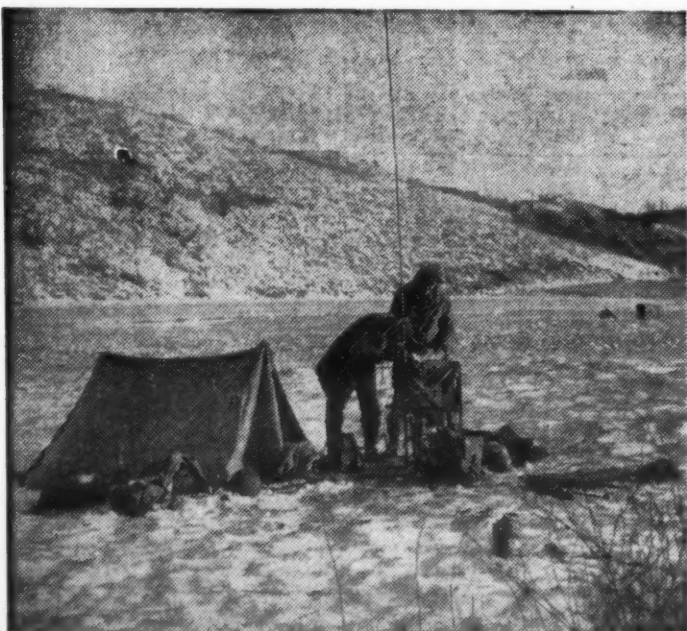
His outstanding exploit happened at Station de Senid in April, when his platoon was covered by a company of Italian infantry which revealed themselves on higher ground. The situation looked desperate and hopeless. But "Molotov," on his own initiative as usual, taking with him an Italian interpreter, walked openly up the hill toward the Italian position. The Italians evidently thought it was a move to surrender and held their fire.

Two men came out to meet him. Then, with the same kind of talk, and the smiles and winning ways which had seen him through the courts martial and got him out of trouble in numberless crap games, he actually talked the Italians into believing that they themselves were surrounded by a vastly superior force, and they agreed to surrender.

Nobody knows how he died. French commandos brought in his body one day, with bullets through his head and mouth, and with his pockets as usual stuffed with German and Italian ribbons and medals. Officers and men could scarcely believe that the magic which had attended him so far had finally failed. But "Molotov" was gone.



**NAZI GEN. Jurgen Von Arnim** is shown after his capture by the British in the North African campaign.



**AT A LONELY OUTPOST**, on the Aleutian Island, Kodiak, miles away from its gun position this radio crew scans the skies and forwards messages to the group operating the gun. Snow covers the ground on which their pup tent is pitched.

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# What Is ASTP All About? Here Is the Straight Dope

WASHINGTON—Gen. George A. Marshall, Chief of Staff, in a memorandum for the Commanding Generals of the Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces and Army Service Forces urges support for the Army Specialized Training program, as an introduction to a booklet, "Fifty Questions and Answers on Army Specialized Training Program."

General Marshall notes that the Army has been increasingly handicapped by a shortage of men who are qualified for service as officers of the Army, and that the Army Specialized Training Program was established to supply the needs of the Army for such men.

The contents of the booklet follow:

**1. What is the Army Specialized Training Program?**

It is a plan to train soldiers for specific Army needs, utilizing the facilities and facilities of colleges and universities. It is anticipated that most of the soldiers who receive Army Specialized Training will be recommended for Officer Candidate School. To such soldiers the Army Specialized Training Program is preparation for an Officer Candidate School.

**2. What are the Army needs?**

The Army needs soldiers with specialized training in engineering, psychology, medicine, mathematics, science, and also in the field of foreign language and area study.

**3. Can a soldier pick his field of study?**

His choice will carry weight although no assurance is given that he will be selected in that field. He will, however, be assigned only to a field for which he is qualified.

**4. How important is the ASTP in the opinion of the Army?**

Very important. It has been assigned a priority rating following only direct assignment to Officer Candidate School or to Aviation Cadet Training.

**5. Is any soldier eligible for such training?**

Yes, if he scored 115 or more in his Army General Classification Test and meets certain other requirements.

**6. What are those "other requirements?"**

Soldiers under 22 years of age must have had at least a high school education or its equivalent. Those with more than 2 years of college must also have had at least 1 year of college physics, or mathematics, or three college courses in psychology, or must have some knowledge of at least one modern foreign language. Soldiers 22 years of age, or over, must have had at least 1 year of college but not more than 3 years of college, unless they have majored in one of the following: mathematics, physics, chemistry, psychology, or engineering; or unless they have some knowledge of at least one modern foreign language.

**7. Is there any situation that would render a soldier ineligible, even though he meets the above requirements?**

Yes. Soldiers in the following categories are ineligible regardless of other qualifications:

- Men in units alerted for overseas.
- Men destined for immediate shipment as overseas replacements.
- Men who have qualified for Aviation Cadet Training.
- Selected officer candidates.
- Volunteer officer candidates unless they sign waivers of their rights to request relief from active duty.

**8. What about a soldier who is eligible but who wants to get into combat service as quickly as possible?**

Combat duty requires careful training and preparation. Basic military training is one form. Specialized training is another. Soldiers who are qualified to receive both must realize that it is their responsibility to prepare themselves to the limit of their capabilities for combat service.

**9. How does a soldier who is eligible actually get into the program?**

Army Specialized Training Program Field Selection Boards interview all soldiers who are eligible and determine their general qualifications for the program.

**10. Are all soldiers interviewed?**

No. Only those who meet the eligibility requirements under No. 5 and No. 6, and who are not ruled out under No. 7, are interviewed.

The Army General Classification Test score and record of prior academic training are indicated on the Soldier's Qualification Card (Form No. 20).

**11. Who fills out Form No. 20 and where is that done?**

The classification officer at the

reception center to which the soldier was sent after induction.

**12. Is the soldier required to take voluntary action to be assured of consideration for Army Specialized Training?**

No. This is a responsibility of his commanding officer. If the soldier's record (Form No. 20) indicates that he is potentially eligible, he is given a Personal Data and Interview Form to fill out in triplicate. When this has been done, an eligible soldier is called before the ASTP Field Selection Board for a personal interview.

**13. Where does the soldier receive Personal Data and Interview Forms and when does the interview with the Field Selection Board occur?**

In both cases, at the installation to which he was sent from the reception center.

**14. When?**

In the case of a soldier whose basic training has not been complete, he fills out the Personal Data and Interview Form and is interviewed as soon as practicable after his arrival from a reception center, and in any event at least 3 weeks before his basic training is completed.

A soldier who is eligible, and whose basic training has been completed should fill out the form and be interviewed at once. A soldier in this category who has not received the forms should make inquiry through the first sergeant of his unit.

**15. If a soldier fills out the Personal Data and Interview Form, and is then interviewed and found generally qualified for training under the Army Specialized Training Program, what then?**

If he is found generally qualified, that fact is indicated on his Personal Data and Interview Form, and at the completion of his basic military training he is sent to an ASTP Specialized Training And Reassignment Unit—known as a STAR Unit.

**16. What is the purpose of the STAR Unit?**

A STAR Unit is established at a specified college for the purpose of receiving, housing, and classifying soldiers selected as generally qualified for the ASTP. A STAR Selection Board, operating at each STAR Unit, interviews the soldiers, administers tests, and determines the specific assignment of soldiers found qualified for the ASTP. The qualified soldier is designated by this board to a specific course of study in the highest term for which he is qualified.

**17. How long does the soldier remain at a STAR Unit before being sent to an Army Specialized Training Unit?**

From 5 to 30 days—depending on the amount of time required to form a section of sufficient size to be moved as one group on scheduled opening dates to an Army Specialized Training Unit.

**18. After a soldier has been assigned to a special course of study by the STAR Unit for Army Specialized Training, what then?**

He is sent to an Army Specialized Training Unit at a college or university for instruction in that course of study.

**19. What is an Army Specialized Training Unit?**

An Army Specialized Training Unit is a unit established at a college or university where enlisted men receive their instruction in specific curricula and terms.

**20. How long is an ASTP term?**

An ASTP term runs 12 weeks.

There is an interval of one week between terms.

**21. How many terms are there in the program?**

The number of terms varies for each course. There are three 12-week terms (roughly 9 calendar months) in the Basic phase. There are from one to four 12-week terms in the Advanced phase, depending on the course of study. The medical course is longer.

**22. What are the basic and advanced phases of the program?**

There are the two phases into which the program is divided. The Basic phase covers work that starts at the college freshman level. It carries through the first half of the sophomore level. The Advanced phase covers academic work which begins at the second half of the sophomore year. In some courses the work is at the post-graduate level.

**23. Is an ASTP trainee assured of completing the course to which he was assigned, provided he achieves passing grades?**

It is expected that the soldier will move from term to term to the completion of his course. However, all trainees are subject to call to other active duty at all times. At the end of every 12-week term a soldier can be recommended for one of the following:

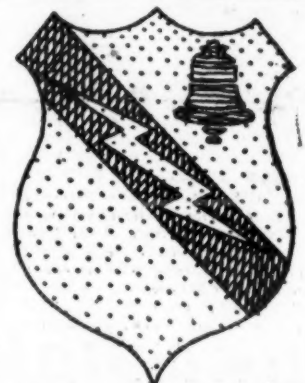
- Continuation in the Army Specialized Training Program.
- Assignment to Officer Candidate School.
- Assignment to Army Service Schools.
- Assignment to other military duty.

**24. Is the trainee subject to full military discipline while in an ASTP Unit?**

Yes. However, in the classroom he is primarily under the supervision of academic authorities.

**25. Does the trainee furnish his own classroom equipment such as drawing instruments or textbooks?**

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OFFICIAL INSIGNE of the recently activated 94th Signal Battalion, A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va., consists of a gold shield with a band of Signal Corps orange across it. In the band is a gold flash symbolic of electricity and in the upper left portion of the shield a blue bell denoting the 94th's connection with the Bell Telephone Co., which sponsored the activation.

By Pvt. Robert Currie  
Camp Edwards, Mass.



CELEBRATING the opening of the 1000th War Department Theater, the employees association of the U. S. Army Motion Picture Service this week presented the Director, Mr. R. B. Murray, with a cake. Shown above is the cake and home office executives of the AMPS. Left to right: Charles W. Welpley, Architect; Fred Bund, Jr., Assistant Director; Major J. T. Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer; R. B. Murray, Director; M. D. Kizcales, Equipment Engineer; Lt. Col. Niles Bryant, Jr., Fiscal Officer; and Gordon F. McFarland, Assistant Controller.

TWENTY-FIVE

YEARS after his father fought and died for his country in World War I, Lt. Christopher Kilmer, son of famed "Trees" poet Joyce Kilmer, is leader of a mortar platoon at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Like his father, young Kilmer began his military career as a member of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry regiment, as a private.



## Air Blows Weaken Axis Morale, Arnold Says

WASHINGTON—"The enemy's morale is beginning to crack under the blows of aerial bombardment and the allies are now ready for a decisive year," said Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general Army Air Forces, speaking to the graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, this week.

"The Germans, the Italians, and yes, the Japs, see the handwriting on the wall," he continued. But he went on to warn that the Axis armies "are still well-trained, well-equipped, brilliantly commanded, and desperate, which always make a dangerous foe."

General Arnold noted that during the last several months he had been at almost every fighting front, and was most impressed by the fact that modern warfare is not the two-and-a-half mile an hour affair of the marching foot soldier. It has now developed into a new 200-miles-per-hour system, and to that system the American forces must be adapted.

More than 1800 planes had been sent across the Atlantic and Pacific in May, General Arnold said, "with the same certainty as to arrival as we would have had if 100 were sent from New York to San Francisco five years ago."

Two hundred and six flying cadets and 308 of their classmates received commissions as second lieutenants at the exercises.

It doesn't happen very often but one cademan of the 8th Battalion is glad that it happened here. By "it" we mean jumping in rank from corporal to sergeant major overnight. The lucky guy is Sgt. Eddie Strick, erstwhile clerk of the 8th Battalion.

A new training aid for this Infantry Replacement Training Center has been instituted here with the establishment of a Training Aid Reproduction shop. This shop was established in an unused ration breakdown building and is manned by a staff composed of men who were commercial artists prior to entering the service. Pictorial charts and drawings and educational posters are produced through a silk screen process and they are used to aid in illustrating field training lectures. The staff is composed of Lt. Alvin J. Pimsler, Cpl. John Falasco, Pvt. Julian Blake, Pvt. Robert Westerman and Pvt. Philip Wildman.

One fellow who can really snooze has been discovered in D Company of the 16th Battalion here. He is Pvt. Freddie Singleton who fell asleep while listening to a field training lecture. As a result he was ordered to stand at attention during the remainder of the talk. Upon completion of the lecture the company was ordered to fall in but Singleton was missing when the roll was called. You guessed it, he had been asleep while standing at attention for 48 minutes.

UNDER SECRETARY of War Patterson has proposed that the United States government buy or requisition 7,000,000 passenger cars with a view to saving rubber.

ADOPTION of suggestions from civilian employees at the Picatinny Arsenal, Dover N. J., has saved 637,000 man hours and \$341,200 in the year's operations.



IS THIS WHY Silver Springs, Florida's internationally known resort is crowded with service men these days? Anyhow, it's Martha Mitchell, who is "Miss Silver Springs" of 1943.



# 'We're Telling You' Scores Smash Hit

Famous Publications Praise Soldier-WAAC Musical; Call It Hit

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—The thunder of cheers that greeted Camp Grant's musical bond show, "We're Telling You," when it played in Rockford two weeks ago, was echoed throughout the nation last week over the air and in the printed page.

Life magazine, in a double-page spread with pictures of the play's high spots, called it "an authentic hit."

"The March of Time," one of radio's most respected and widely heard programs—heard over the NBC Red network—presented three song hits from the show to its millions of listeners over the more than 30 station coast-to-coast hook-up Thursday night.

In another broadcast over Chicago's Station WBBM on May 22, a tabloid version of the play was air-waved for 45 minutes to seven mid-western states.

Under a headline "WAACs Make Stage Debut in New Army Show," Life's Eugene A. Cook wrote:

"In Rockford, Ill., known to trouper as one of the iciest towns on the U. S. circuit, a local audience purchased \$175,000 worth of war bonds for the privilege of entering the Coronado Theatre May 17 to witness a show that cost but \$40 and took only three weeks to produce. For two hours they laughed and cheered, and when it was over, 125 enlisted men and WAACs from nearby Camp Grant knew their musical

comedy, 'We're Telling You,' was an authentic hit.

"Feature of this new Army show was the first all-WAAC chorus to appear on the American stage. As they danced on for their first appearance, faces frozen with apprehension, the expectant audience exploded into applause and cheers. And once the girls smiled, their dance took on snap and luster. From that moment on the show was 'in.' And it looked as though the Army's WAACs, hitherto kept under wraps by their organization, might attain new prominence in the public consciousness in months to come.

"Miracle of 'We're Telling You' was its economy of time and money. It went into production only three weeks before its premiere, and rehearsals were held in such spare time as the company could salvage from their regular dawn-to-dark military duties in camp. Though it lacked the polish of Irving Berlin's carefully-produced 'This Is the Army,' critics heaped praise on Cpl. Karl McGuire, former professional pianist, who wrote the score, and on librettist-director Sgt. McElroy Wilkes. Wrote the Chicago Tribune's often-vitriolic reviewer, Cecil Smith: 'Camp Grant's own soldier show achieved a standard that I have not seen rivaled by any other Army or Navy show.'

The pictures in Life showed the play's stirring grand finale with part of the audience; two shots of the spirited conga; Pvt. Freddy Frampton and Pvt. Thlxton Sprenger in "the art of kissing;" the hilarious "gruesome twosome" and tent pitching skits; "afternoon of a fan," and "Jeep Jive." Also shown are two behind-the-scenes shots; one showing Sgt. Hallie Connor, dance directors, bandaging a WAAC's sprained ankle during rehearsal and another with a group of WAACs adding last incrustations to make-up before curtain time.

In the "March of Time" broadcast, Commentator Van Voorles in his highly effective dramatic tones spoke briefly of the show produced by Camp Grant soldiers and WAACs, mentioned the WAAC grandmother as the first to appear on any stage. Then he introduced the song numbers which included the lilting "Children of Liberty," the laugh-provoking "Gruesome Twosome," and the beautiful "Lullaby for a Soldier."



**BREAK** after the third hour of a four-hour hike by a group of 88th Station Hospital nurses at Fort McClellan. They are the first nurses' unit ever to train for overseas duty at McClellan. They take courses in chemical warfare, and learn to swim and do physical exercises. Their courses are designed to toughen them to keep pace with the soldiers abroad. They're becoming past masters at the art of getting into a gas mask. And, as for marches, they can keep up with any GI. Taking it easy are Lts. Ruth Nance, Edna Pharis, Lorene Stiles, and Margaret Morris.

## Corporal Gives His Blood 86 Times

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Far from the battle front, Cpl. J. Pat Patterson of Camp Roberts Headquarters Detachment still is giving his blood for his country and countrymen.

During the past four years, Corporal Patterson has given 86 blood transfusions. He gave his 86th blood transfusion while on furlough in New Orleans recently. It was a donation to the Red Cross blood plasma bank.

A perfect physical specimen, Corporal Patterson neither smokes nor drinks. He lists milk as his favorite beverage. He has never accepted money for any of the blood transfusions he has given. His sole recompense was a watch a woman gave him as a present in appreciation of his aid.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, delivered the principal address at the opening of North Camp Hood, Tex., during the past week. The new Army Ground Forces installation is part of the Tank Destroyer Center. Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, and other officers of his staff, greeted General McNair and the members of his party. North Camp Hood will serve as a training area for men who have already completed their work at a replacement training center and are selected for more advanced work.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on General McNair at the annual commencement exercises of the University of Maine, held at Orono, Me., during the past week. General McNair was one of six to receive honorary degrees at the 73rd annual graduation ceremonies. A feature of the commencement was the awarding by General McNair of certificates to 50 graduates who had completed the Reserve Officers Training Corps course.

Enlisted men whose applications for parachute training have been rejected in the past on administrative grounds will be given another opportunity to apply for service in this branch. Certain physical disabilities which formerly resulted in rejected applications will also be waived in the future, it was indicated.

Promotion of three officers from the rank of lieutenant colonel to colonel were announced by General McNair at Headquarters this week. Those promoted were Col. Richard L. Baughman, Col. Clarence T. Davis and Col. Frederick B. Porter.

ARMORED FORCE—Maj. Carl P. Gearheart has been appointed S-4 of the Armored Force School at Fort Knox, Ky. He succeeds Lt. Col.

Nathaniel C. Cureton Jr. A master sergeant less than a year ago, Major Gearheart received a captain's commission in July, 1942, and was promoted to major last month.

Maj. Gen. William H. H. Morris Jr., commander of the 6th Armored Division in California, has been named acting commander of the II Armored Corps. General Morris succeeds Maj. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem Jr., who has been made acting chief of the Armored Force. General Morris was a member of the War Department General Staff from 1938 to 1940, in charge of the Planning Branch, Personnel Division.

Wearing the silver leaves of a lieutenant colonel at the age of 28, the commanding officer of the 497th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 13th Armored Division, is one of the youngest officers of his rank in the Army Ground Forces. He is Lt. Col. William M. Lynn Jr.

Col. Samuel L. Buracker has been appointed commander of the 10th Tank Group at Fort Lewis, Wash. Staff officers of the group are Lt. Col. Abe Brook, executive and operations officer; Maj. Robert L. Wick, S-2; Capt. George R. Page Jr., assistant S-3, and Capt. Leonard J. Barthelmy, chaplain.

## Music Makes Them Want KP

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—Camp Wheeler has taken the fabled curse of KP and another ancient Army myth has been exploded because a former Shelton, Conn., policeman loves music.

Ex-cop Edward S. Dacca, mess sergeant of Company A, 11th Training Battalion, knew that the lot of a policeman—even a kitchen policeman—was not a happy one. So when a group of former musicians in training here offered to send for their instruments and provide dinner mu-

sic for their buddies in A Company, Dacca promptly begged a piano from the battalion recreation hall and borrowed dance orchestrations from one of the post bands. He cleared an alcove in his mess hall and posted a sign designating the premises: "Waldorf Astoria (Wheeler Annex) Sert Room."

Dacca now finds himself managing the Army's most popular dinner rendezvous. "Second Helping Hall" and "Club Clean Plate" are just two of the names given his GI hot spot by

the doughboy customers.

But into some lives a little rain must fall.

To Dacca's jubilant query, "How you gonna keep 'em out of the mess hall after they've heard that swing?" Company A's topkick, 1st Sgt. Perry A. Carson, has been forced to reply, "It can't be done."

The inauguration of Dacca's Chow Concertos has besieged Carson with long lines of eager trainees chorusing: "How's about putting me on KP today, sarge?"

## Signal Corpsmen Schedule Battle Maneuvers in Forest

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—California's beautiful Sierras, which rise sharply east of Camp Kohler, took on a new significance for Western Signal Corps Replacement Training Center trainees this week.

About 250 trainees in their last week at Kohler left for five days of maneuvers in the Tahoe National Forest near Sierra City, Calif.

Accompanied by approximately 30 officers and cademen, the trainees are participating in a complete field exercise under simulated battle conditions.

Weekly field problems for all trainees will continue under the supervision of the Western Signal Corps Replacement Training Center Training Division until snow and mountain winter weather halt the exercises next fall.

A complete exercise will be given each week. The only permanent installation will be a telephone line into the base camp area. Details will vary, but each group will be given essentially the same exercise.

Trainees are being required to install and operate signal communications, drive the vehicles involved (about 60 in all), supply and prepare the food, and carry on just as they would in battle. There will be no halt at any time for weather.

Officers in charge of the exercise will be rotated at four-week intervals. Maj. Leo V. Merle, executive

officer of the Signal Communications Branch, will conduct the first exercises.

## Thundering Herd Gets Third Buffalo Trophy

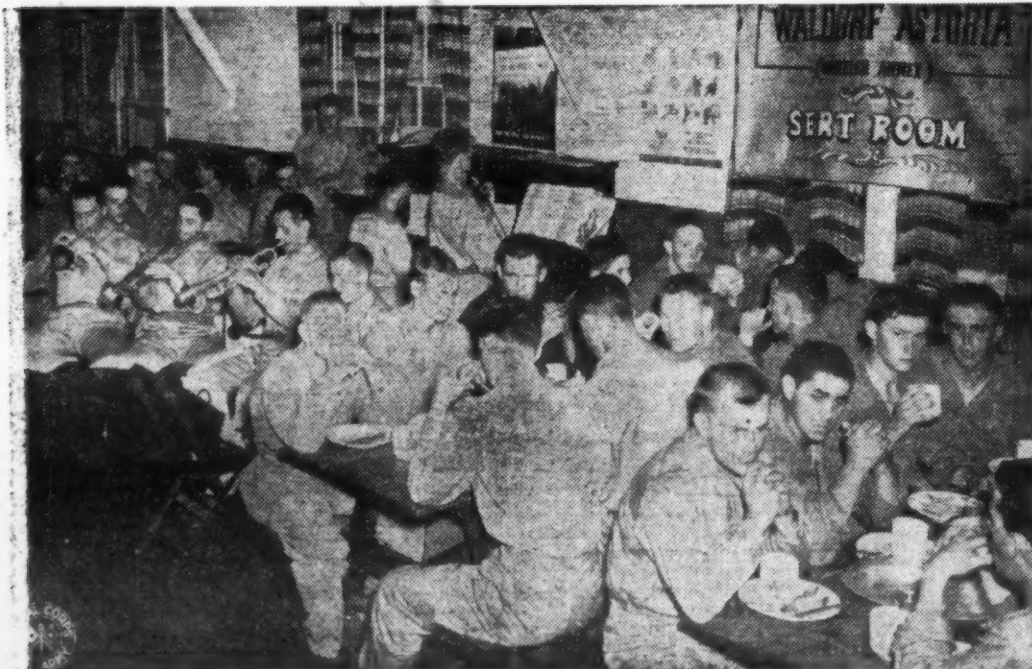
NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—The 8th Armored Division, known throughout the Armored Force as the Thundering Herd, has received a third buffalo head emblem, this time from P. S. Kelly, Jr., Shreveport utilities head.

The first two, now hanging in the division's service and officers club, came to the 8th Armored Division through the courtesy of the governors of Montana and South Dakota. Mr. Kelly's donation has been placed in the Thunderer's sergeants club.

## First Unit on 500-Yard Range Sets Perfect Score

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—The 84th Inf. Tng. Batt. established a record of 100 per cent, on the new 500-yard known distance rifle range last week.

It was the first firing at 500 yards by any battalion in camp. Company D led the scoring with 48 experts, 110 sharpshooters and 122 marksmen.



**MUSIC SOOTHES THE SAVAGE CHOWHOUND**  
Pop Concerts at Wheeler

Signal Corps Photo



# Sanitation Course Teaches Troops Field Techniques

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — The Army has obstacle courses, infiltration courses, Nazi-village street-fighting courses, mustard-gas courses, and a variety of others—but Camp Blanding's Station Hospital is proudest of the newest, a "sanitation course."

Prepared under supervision of Lt. Col. James A. Coleman of Jena, La., former Louisiana public health officer, with Capt. George H. McDonnell of South Hadley Falls, Mass., assistant post medical inspector in charge of construction, the course is a permanent installation designed to teach troops how to set up sanitary installations in the field.

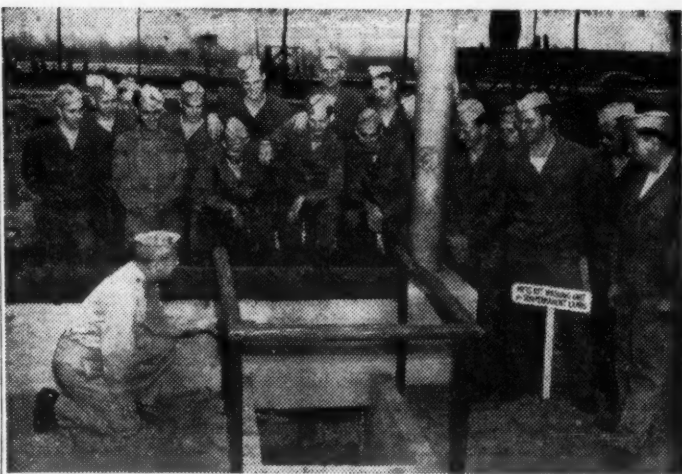
Everything from a wide variety of outdoor latrines to a barrel shower bath and delousing machines is included in the course.

Captain McDonnell, who had the course built by post Engineers from models described in the Field Sanitation manual, instructs 500 men a week from tactical units in methods of preserving health in the field by preparation of the proper health installations.

Included are methods of disposing of grease and other food waste; incinerators of various types for units of different size; containers to protect food in the field from vermin; set-ups of clean mess-kits and kitchen equipment; and several types of latrines, including an all-metal model invented by Captain McDonnell.

To Captain McDonnell, who as a civil engineer at Holyoke, Mass., planned huge municipal disposal plants, the all-metal "one-seater" is a source of great pride.

So, in fact, is the entire course, which is planned as a more effective instruction medium than the usual wall-charts or flimsy models.



UNITS ESTABLISHED semi-permanently—meaning, for a couple of weeks or more—in the field with no conveniences would eat out of mess-kits, wash their own after each meal. To insure sanitary conditions of cleanliness, Captain McDonnell advises, a home-made washing trough with fire pit underneath to keep water hot and drainage pit for waste water is desirable. The captain stresses that facilities in the field will be made of odds and ends of material that may be available. In right background is shower-barrel on wooden stand—for personal cleanliness comes first in sanitation program.



ACTING on the theory that every unit is apt to find itself in the field with no modern conveniences at all to preserve health, Camp Blanding's sanitation officers have set up special "Sanitation Course" to demonstrate some necessary installations. Above, Capt. George H. McDonnell, assistant medical inspector of the Station Hospital, describes detail for permanent incinerator pit built according to his plans under supervision of Lt. Col. James A. Coleman, medical inspector.



MEN GOING through Blanding's Sanitation Course split up into small groups, follow from feature to feature with an officer-instructor to explain each. Group in foreground learns how to build a gravel-cross-trench for emptying grease, permitting it to soak into the ground without causing stench or attracting vermin; group in the background learns how to make a bread-box to keep food where flies and insect can't get at it.



SERBIAN BARREL demonstrated on Blanding's Sanitation Course is the main feature of the de-lousing station, familiar to World War doughboys. Barrel is placed over a fire-pit, partially filled with water, and clothing is suspended inside from hooks. Half an hour's steaming disposes of vermin. Lt. Col. Frank A. Coleman, who supervised construction of the course, looks on (extreme right) as Capt. George H. McDonnell explains the apparatus.

## Barkeley Blasts

CAMP BARKLEY, Tex.—A medic AWOL from the Infantry. That's the story of Pvt. Ben Sinaikin, of Co. B, 57th Bn., MRTC, or so he was led to believe.

Private Sinaikin was inducted at Fort Meade, Md., last month and sent to the MRTC here. He was enjoying his basic training in the medics until he began receiving letters from his parents in Pittsburgh, Pa. It seems that the military police at Camp McCain, Miss., wrote to Sinaikin at his home, informing him that he was AWOL from Co. M, 347th Inf., at that camp. Private Sinaikin was in a dither.

The matter was cleared up when the MRTC contacted Fort Meade and learned that Private Sinaikin was originally slated to go to the Infantry outfit, but that he was deleted on that order and sent to the MRTC.

Man with the longest name in the MRTC seems to be Pvt. Hans Friedrich de Strakosch-Feldringen of Co. C, 51st Bn., MRTC. The 34 letters in (if you think we're going to write it again you're crazy) his name caused so much trouble that he had to be issued two sets of dogtags for his vital statistics. What bothers Hans now is how he is going to get his signature in the somewhat limited space on the company payroll.

Co. B, 51st Bn., MRTC, has joined the ranks of mascot-equipped units, but they want it known that their pet is no GI pooch. It's a full-grown raccoon with habits of a chow-hound and the identification of a master sergeant.

The rating was deduced by 1st Sgt. L. A. Adler who counted up the number of black stripes on the coon's tail, and since the animal was brought to Barkeley Heights from Camp Bowie by Sgt. Ross L. Cotton, the Co. B cadre presumed it was a transfer in grade.

## Camp Saved from Fire At the Last Minute

CAMP GORDON JOHNSON, Fla.—A swamp fire which threatened military installations here was fought and beaten with the help of the enlisted men of station complement, and a fortunate wind which enabled a backfire to function.

The fire, which lasted seven hours and consumed 27 acres of swamp land and forest, was within 200 feet of the military installations when the backfire caught it. Soldier services were vital when it became necessary to hook up three trucks in relay from the nearest pump and lay 3600 feet of hose to reach the blaze.

## Tank Casualties In Africa 18,000

WASHINGTON—American casualties in the North African campaign from the landings Nov. 8 to May 15 totaled 18,558, Secretary Stimson announced.

These included 2,184 killed, 9,437 wounded and 9,937 missing, including prisoners of war.

In Tunisia alone, not including Egypt and Libya, Stimson estimated the Axis casualties at 30,000 killed, 26,400 wounded and 266,000 prisoners of war, a total of 322,400 casualties.

The losses of all Allied forces in Tunisia were less than 70,000.

## Devens Digest

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—The gay life of the social whirl no longer holds allure for Aux. Muriel McCormick Hubbard, 40-year-old granddaughter of the late John D. Rockefeller, who is taking her training at the Fourth WAAC Training Center here.

Terming the corps as serious business, the widow of Maj. E. Dyer Hubbard said that she has been in love with the WAAC "long before it was organized. Fourteen months ago I met Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell in Washington and offered my services to the new Woman's Army, which at that time had not passed the paper stage."

In the first June wedding on the post, Second Office Genevieve Comer became the bride of Maj. Abner Sachs in a ceremony performed by WAAC Chaplain Arthur J. Doege. The marriage culminated a war romance that started when the bride-to-be was at the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and Major Sachs was a member of the staff.

Combat training at the infiltration range here was filmed by the "March of Time" last week.

## McClellan IRTC Blasts

By Cpl. Huell E. Worlen  
FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—Rookie soldiers in every corner of camp have taken pen in hand and are scratching heads for that elusive all-ringing phrase or couplet which will clinch a prize in the contest that will bring the mothers and fathers of seven trainees to the Infantry Replacement Training Center for Fathers' Day, June 20.

The free trips to Fort McClellan to the parents of the seven soldiers writing the best letters or poems to their dads for Fathers' Day and the deadline for entries is 5:30 p.m. today, June 5.

Letters and poems have piled up in the office of the McClellan Cycle, which is conducting the competition.

The 69th Replacement Battalion of the IRTC has moved into some of the Fort McClellan area formerly occupied by elements of the 92nd Division, recently transferred.

The 69th was located temporarily in a bloc of buildings at the Fort McClellan Internment Camp, away from the main post. The outfit is made up of men who have been replaced in their former jobs by WAACs and limited service men and they are stationed here only long enough for their fighting skills to be determined and a place found for them in a combat unit destined for duty at the front.

An agile little major, rougher than a package of dynamite although he is 39 years old, is teaching a new style of hand-to-hand combat at the IRTC.

He is Maj. Allen C. Smith, a Scotsman who has devoted his life to the study and teaching of unarmed defense. He spent 11 years in Japan picking up the finer points of the Jap technique and is one of the few white men ever awarded the Japanese "Black Belt" mark of the master.

The peppery little major is teaching his art to afternoon classes made up of two cademen from each company of the IRTC, and these men will pass it on to rookies during basic training.

## Dog, Pet at Bowie, Adopts Tiny Kitten

CAMP BOWIE, Tex.—To disprove the axiom that dogs and cats don't mix, "Lady," mascot of the 215th Military Police, has proven her affection for a kitten as well as her own litter of puppies.

Lady's puppies were only a few days old when the men of the company noticed her with a small animal between her jaws. They watched her as she came to the litter and deposited a kitten among the puppies.

Lady has been caring for the kitten as well as the puppies for quite some time now and according to reports has not shown a bit of favoritism between the puppies and the kitten.

## Army Musical Show Sells \$500,000 in Bonds

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—The Army Reception Center's musical-variety show, "Pennsylvania on Parade," which has been touring the state, has been the means of selling \$500,000 worth of bonds.

Presented through the war savings staffs of the various cities where it has appeared, with admission by purchase of war bonds only, the show has had crowded houses everywhere.

The show grew out of a request of the York Pa., war savings staff to Lt. Col. William A. Fulmer, post commandant, to supply an orchestra for an outdoor bond rally. Following this a stage production was arranged by Sgt. Edward K. Smith, radio director of the special service office, utilizing ex-professional entertainers in the camp.

FREIGHT and passenger cars which came into and departed from Fort Bragg, N. C., in 1942 would make a train more than 300 miles long.

## Wolters Route Step

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—Sgt. Wyatt H. Virgilio, reception center supply sergeant, had all kinds of trouble when processer James Kelley Lewis sat down for his GI shoe fitting. At 18 a fraction over five feet tall and weighing 109 pounds, Lewis takes a size two and a half shoe. Largest foot Sergeant Virgilio has had to fit called for a 17½ EE.

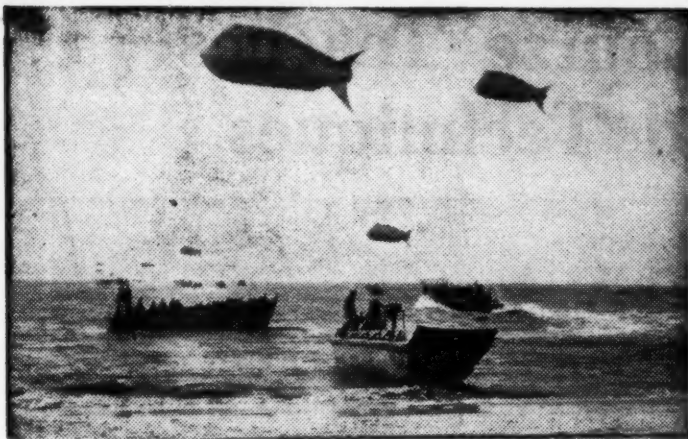
One company here has a dignitary in its midst, none other than Herbert Hoover. No, he's not the ex-president.

All first cooks in the same company here are three men who came to Camp Wolters from the same town at the same time. St. Louisans all, T/4 Rudolph J. Molinar, Evangle P. Mike and Stephen Johnoff were inducted together at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., came to Wolters on Feb. 22, 1942, and took their basic training together.

T/5 Arthur B. Roton, another cook in another company, had a sad tale to tell when he came back from furlough. Seems that a division was passing through his home town in Georgia, and every time Roton stepped out on the street, he was picked up by MPs on suspicion of being AWOL.

Victory Gardens in camp have produced a lot of strange sights. Strangest of all, perhaps, is to see T/Sgt. Gustie Lukso watering the flowers around an officers' mess with all the tenderness of his 20 years in the Army.





**TOWING** very low altitude barrage balloons, the Amphibious Engineers push off from shore during maneuvers. Purpose of the balloons is to prevent enemy aircraft from flying low to strafe and bomb the forces.



**A NEW TECHNIQUE** in attack training—how to get over a barbed wire fence quickly and effectively is shown at the left. Some of the men form a ladder of rifles up which those following can mount the obstacle quickly and go on to the main objective. In the other picture the engineers have come into land and are working their way inland toward enemy defense forces to reduce them so larger forces can land behind them. Huge explosion marks the target where a Nazi swastika had been planted.

## McNair Visits Third Army Maneuvers! Second Army Applies Tunisia Lessons

### Filipino Infantry Unit Gets Regimental Colors

**CAMP COOKE, Calif.**—The regimental colors were formally presented to the 2nd Filipino Infantry here last week.

A message from President Manuel L. Quezon, of the Philippines, told the men of his country: "You are now the guardians of the high trust so bravely born by the men of Bataan and Corregidor. You are dedicated here to continue to wage that good fight until the enemy is driven out of our country."

**MOBILE HQ. 3RD ARMY, Somewhere in La.**—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Army Ground Forces commander, arrived in the 3rd Army maneuver area this week on his first inspection trip since recovering from serious wounds received in Tunisia. Met by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, 3rd Army commander, and Maj. Gen. Wade H. Haislip, XV Corps commander and director of the current maneuvers, General McNair immediately went into the maneuver area to inspect troops in training.

General McNair brought with him from Africa "A lot of new ideas, some old ones reborn, but nothing radical," he said.

"We have to do what we have always been trying to do," he declared, "only do it better and try harder. We haven't learned our lessons well enough to meet battle demands. We haven't done badly at all; we have won victories. I think the price has been too high in some instances, but there is nothing to be discouraged about."

Meanwhile, speedy work of engineers, vast improvement in aerial support, use of anti-aircraft "fire" to protect bridges, and the splendid movement of men and machines of the 3rd Army over rugged terrain during the tenth phase of Louisiana maneuvers brought commendation from Maj. Gen. Wade H. Haislip, XV Corps commander and director of the maneuvers.

In his critique of the 10th phase, just concluded, General Haislip particularly singled out the improvement in the air and an engineer group who, he said, put a wrecked bridge back into operation within 30 minutes. As for the aerial activity, he said bombers got so good at "blowing up" crossings that they had to be "called off."

The general also praised unit commanders for training their troops not to advance along the roads while near the "front." Pointing out the example of the Japanese moving cross country, through swamps and over terrain where it was almost impossible to march.

General Haislip again stressed the importance of keeping soldiers well supplied with food and ammunition.

"A supply section that doesn't get food and ammunition to the men isn't doing its job," he emphasized.

**SECOND ARMY FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Somewhere in Tennessee.**—Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, Second Army commander, drew on his experiences in the North African campaign at the fifth maneuver problem critique this week. He criticized the bunched-up truck columns which made excellent targets for low flying bombers and ground-strafing planes.

"On Tunisian roads, some of which are very similar to these twisting Tennessee backroads, our truck drivers soon learned the benefits of keeping an interval between vehicles," General Fredendall said. "Dispersion saved lives and made our supply columns unremunerative targets for German bombers. But some of the compact, bumper-to-bumper columns I noticed during this last problem would be the answer to a bombardier's prayer."

General Fredendall, while praising the continued sound staff work, said unit commanders would have to pay greater attention to reconnaissance and keeping contact with adjacent forces.

One instance of lax reconnaissance occurred during the river crossing when Blue troops attempted to unload boats from trucks in broad daylight at the river bank. The Blue commander had limited his reconnaissance to a quick examination of the opposite bank through field glasses.

"Actually," General Fredendall said, "Red troops with automatic weapons were on the opposite bank, but so well concealed the Blue commander couldn't see them."

General Fredendall said discipline and behavior of troops during the problem and in Nashville continued to improve. There were several instances of Army vehicles speeding. Although greater speed will be needed in combat areas, the general emphasized that maneuver vehicles will hold to the 35 mile limit for light vehicles and 25 mile limit for heavy vehicles to protect civilian and soldier lives, and to conserve gasoline and rubber.

## Benning Briefs

**FORT BENNING, Ga.**—Assuring Brazilian cooperation in United States war policies, Dr. Alfredo Pessoa, a director of the Brazilian ministry of Information, and Dr. Julio Barata, New York director of the Brazilian section of the coordination of Inter-American affairs, told Fort Benning officials Monday that "people of Brazil know their destiny is wrapped up with that of the United States."

The South American officials visited the Parachute and Infantry Schools at Fort Benning during a one-day inspection tour.

On her way to join the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Service, Miss Vera Turner, famed woman parachutist, stopped at Fort Benning long enough Saturday to swap stories with an old friend, Maj. E. Verne Stewart, director of specialized training at the Parachute School here.

During the past ten years, Miss Turner and Major Stewart, himself a former parachute exhibitionist, have jumped from the same plane while participating in air shows in big cities over the country. Both are leaders in their respective fields, Major Stewart has well over 400 jumps to his credit, and Miss Turner, with 125 jumps, ranks among the first five women dare-devils in America.

Floyd Smith, "granddaddy of the parachute," was at Fort Benning last week for experiments and consultations with technical experts of the Parachute School. Designer and producer of the first "free type" parachute, enabling a jumper to clear with safety a plane travelling at tremendous speed, Smith is at work on research aimed at developing a special parachute for combat use in which oscillations—pendulum-like swings which occur during descents in disturbed air—are eliminated or drastically reduced.

### Col. Blanchfield New Head of Nurse Corps

**WASHINGTON.**—Lt. Col. Florence Blanchfield will succeed Col. Julia O. Flikke as superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps on June 1, the War Department announced. She will then have the relative rank of colonel, and will be the third woman to hold this grade, the other two being Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and Colonel Flikke, retiring superintendent of the Nurse Corps.

She was a nurse in France in the last war and has served in the Philippines and in China.

## What Is ASTP All About?

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No. They are furnished by the Army.

26. In what military branch will the soldier receive his training? Branch immaterial—unassigned.

27. In what branch will the soldier be commissioned if successful? A Branch in which the War Department has designated a need for men with the type of training the soldier has successfully completed under the ASTP.

28. What about limited-service men? Limited-service men may enter the ASTP under fixed quotas.

29. Is there any pre-induction testing program for potential ASTP trainees? Yes. Tests have been devised to make it possible for men between 17 and 22 years of age, who are not in the Armed Forces, to be designated for possible ASTP training after induction.

30. When and where is this test held? The first of these tests was given April 2, 1943 at most high schools and colleges in the United States. It is expected that similar tests will be given each spring and fall.

31. How does this test enable a man to be considered, prior to induction, for the program? Those who receive an acceptable score in this test will be earmarked for special consideration in the program. They will receive a certificate, and will be sent after induction from a reception center to a replacement training center where their qualifications for the program will be reviewed by an ASTP Field Selection Board.

32. What about the test known as the OCT—2, X—3 that was recently given to soldiers at most field installations? Wasn't that a qualifying test for the ASTP? Yes. That was a test administered primarily to produce a limited number of soldiers prepared for advanced work in certain fields. The soldiers thus selected have already been sent to Army Specialized Training Units and are receiving instruction.

33. Will soldiers who took this test and were not recommended have any further opportunities for ASTP? Yes. Regardless of whether the OCT—2, X—3 test was taken or passed, all soldiers who meet the eligibility requirements previously outlined will be further considered for specialized training under the program.

34. Is a soldier reduced in grade or pay when assigned for training in any Army Specialized Training Unit? A soldier assigned to the Advanced phase of the program retains the grade and pay he held at the time of his assignment to ASTP. All soldiers assigned to the Basic phase receive the grade and pay of seventh grade privates.

35. May a soldier who is eligible for the advanced phase refuse participation in the program? No. Since these soldiers are not requested to accept a reduction in grade or pay, they are subject to assignment to the ASTP just as they might be assigned to any other unit for duty.

36. Are soldiers eligible for the basic phase of the program, even though they previously refused to accept reduction in grade and pay in order to participate? Yes, such soldiers may reverse their previous decisions. The records of all soldiers will be reviewed by the ASTP Field Selection Board, and all potentially eligible soldiers will be called for interview.

37. If a soldier voluntarily accepts reduction in grade in order to enter the basic phase of the program and is eliminated through academic failure or any other cause, is his former grade restored? No.

38. Would he be reassigned to his original unit? Not necessarily.

39. Is it possible for a qualified ASTP trainee to pursue a complete course in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine? Yes.

40. Will the prospective medical trainee be required to meet the same standards for such training as in peacetime? Yes. Selection for assignment to the ASTP for professional training will be made with extreme care and in the same manner in which students previously have been chosen for admission to schools of medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.

41. Will the trainee, who graduates from a medical college, serve an internship? Yes, with the exception of dentists and veterinarians. Twelve months of hospital internship is required on an inactive status.

42. Are military and physical training included in the ASTP? Yes, about 5 hours a week of military training and about 6 hours of physical conditioning.

43. How many hours per week are the trainees in contact with classroom instructors? A minimum of 24 hours per week.

44. Is there supervised study in addition? Yes, an additional 24 hours per week.

45. What is a typical ASTP weekly work-schedule? Monday through Friday: Reveille, 6:30 A.M.; breakfast, 7:00 A.M.; classes or prescribed study, 8:00 A.M. to noon; dinner, 12:15 P.M.; classes or prescribed study, 1:20 P.M. to 5:20 P.M.; supper, 6:30 P.M.; study, 7:40 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; taps, 10:30 P.M. Saturday: Reveille, 6:30 A.M.; breakfast, 7:00 A.M.; classes or prescribed study, 8:00 A.M. to noon; dinner, 12:45 P.M.; classes or prescribed study, 1:20 P.M. to 3:20 P.M.; supper (attendance optional) 6:30 P.M. Sunday: Breakfast (attendance optional) 7:00 A.M.; dinner (attendance optional) 12:15 P.M.; supper, 6:30 P.M.; study, 7:40 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.; taps, 10:30 P.M.

46. Will trainees be permitted to engage in intercollegiate sports? No. This is war. These soldiers are being trained for specific Army duties at Army expense. Successful completion of these courses requires great concentration and effort on the part of the soldier-trainee. The time required for instruction and training and supervised study does not allow sufficient leeway for participation in varsity sports.

47. Is the "Cadet System" used at ASTP Units? Yes. Following the system in effect in Officer Candidate Schools, trainees are organized into companies, battalions, and regiments. Within the units, acting officers and noncommissioned officers serve in rotation, holding the assignment long enough to become familiar with the duties. A permanent commanding officer heads each ASTP Unit.

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## Human Obstacle Course Presents New Problems

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—They think here they have those Army obstacle courses you read about and see pictured, beaten and beaten plenty. Here they call it a "Human Obstacle Course." It doesn't need any built-up properties, rail-fence obstacles or such. Just some elbow-space and somebody to call off the events.

Radiomen who fall out to do the course divide themselves into pairs. First, they run 150 yards. Then one man mounts his partner's back, in a "horse-and-rider" run for 30 yards. Then change places for another 30. Next it's leapfrog for 60 yards. Then comes "wheelbarrow," one man wheeling the other, for 20 yards. Again changing places for another 20. That's just half of it.

**"Lame Dog" Exercises**

Next is the "Lame dog exercise," in which each man puts two hands and one foot on the ground, and travels 30 yards as best he can with one foot in the air. Then he hops 30 yards on his left foot, 30 on his right, and then runs 60 yards.

For 30 yards more he "duck-waddles," in squat position his hands on his waist. Then does another 30 in the "animal walk," on all fours, keeping arms and legs straight. Next another 30 in "crab walk," the same, but with his stomach up. And if he has enough stuff left, he runs 100 yards briskly.

**20 More Exercises**

All this is Course A, or preliminary. When the men are proficient in it they are eligible for

Course C, which presents 20 more exercises of something of the same plus "floor-clips" and "sit-ups" and "burpees" and "change of direction" runs.

At Scott Field they say radiomen developed these courses because they've got to be tough when they graduate. They don't tell how much liniment they use in the process.

### Lord Derby Wins Sixth 1,000 Guinea Classic

NEWMARKET, England — Lord Derby won his sixth One Thousand Guinea classic for 3-year-old fillies when Herringbone drove to a neck victory over the highly regarded Ribbon, winner of her last three races. Lord Durham's Cincture was third and Open Warfare, entered by King George, was fourth.

Herringbone was held at 15-2 in the betting. Ribbon was the 3-2 favorite and Cincture closed at 100-7.

### Ortiz Defends Crown; Outpoints Robleto

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Manuel Ortiz, two-fisted tough Mexican, outpointed Joe Robleto and retained the world bantamweight crown, which he wrested from Lou Salica. Counter-punching through the early rounds Ortiz turned on the heat in the last of the fight to win

## All-Star Game To Be Played On August 19

CHICAGO—The tenth All-Star football game, which annually opens the nation's gridiron season, will be played by the Washington Redskins, champions of the National Football League, and a squad of selected college headliners at Dyche Stadium, in suburban Evanston, on the night of Aug. 25.

Last year the game was won by the Chicago Bears 21 to 0. The net profits of last year's game, which amounted to \$153,945.92, were contributed to Army Emergency Relief and Navy Relief.

Although many of last year's collegiate stars are now in the armed services some have already received permission from their commanding officers to compete in the game. The squad will also include undergraduate players.

### Chalky Wright Kayos Billy Pinti in Fourth

NEW YORK—Chalky Wright, former featherweight champ, knocked out Billy Pinti, Rome, N. Y., in the fourth round of the scheduled eight-round feature bout at the Broadway Arena last night.

Wright floored his younger opponent once in each round until Referee Jack O'Sullivan called a halt on the one-sided affair.

## Radio Gags Sour—Don Bingo Wins for Crosby

WASHINGTON—The source of some of the better radio gags soured a bit when Bing Crosby's horse, Don Bingo, got his head out first and kept it there to win the Suburban Handicap at Belmont.

The entry of the oft-ridiculed Crosby stable beat Market Wise, who was disqualified for crowding Attention. Attention was given second place through the disqualification and Lochinvar third. Johnny Adams booted the winner home.

A horse, which has been just another member of parades let by Count Fleet, got across the finish line first—though but by an inch—to win the Peter Pan Handicap at Belmont.

Slide Rule, the 2-to-5 favorite, made a last stride lunge that just pushed Vinciente into second place. Famous Victory was third. Slide Rule grabbed the lead at the half-mile pole and stood off the stretch drive of Vinciente.

Coupled with Twosies in the betting the winner paid \$2.80, \$2.30, \$2.20 after the photo had been examined. Vinciente paid \$3.20, \$3.00. Famous Victory, an 18-to-1 shot, paid \$4.50.

### Three-Horse Team

In the Roseben Handicap Some Chance won by a head in a photo finish with Mettlesome second and Salto third. The three horses finished like a three-horse team. Some Chance broke slowly but closed to win in the last stride. He paid \$26.10, \$12.40, \$6.70. Mettlesome, another outsider, paid \$13.00, \$7.10, while Salto returned \$7.40. Doublerab, the favorite, was last in the seven-horse field.

Abbe Pierre captured the Puritan Handicap at Suffolk Downs by a length over Ksar of Audley. The winner paid \$10.40, \$5.20, \$3.20. Ksar of Audley paid \$7.00, \$3.80, while De-value, show horse, paid \$2.80.

Lochinvar in a photo finish won by a nose over Copperman in the Pontiac Handicap at Belmont. Star Beacon was third. Lochinvar, an outsider, paid \$27.40, \$11.30, \$6.50. Copperman, the second choice in the field of ten, paid \$5.10, \$3.90. Star Beacon paid \$4.20. Dandy Fox, the favorite was fourth.

Begda, a 9-1 shot, beat out Black Grip and K. Dorko in a stretch drive to return backers \$20.40, \$7.40, \$3.00 in a Suffolk Downs feature race. Wishing broke its neck in an early race on the same program after running away.

Kansas broke on top and never was headed to win the Suffolk Purse. Barbara Childs ran second. Samhar showed. Kansas paid \$13.20, \$5.60, \$3.40; Barbara Childs, \$15.40, \$6.20; Samhar, \$3.20.

Market Wise, a grand old campaigner, after a long lay-off, made his second start of the season a success by beating Boysy by a neck. Carrying top weight of 126 pounds easily, Market Wise drove down the stretch to the win with Soldier Song third in the Ballot Handicap. The winner paid \$12.00, \$8.60, \$5.20; Boysy, \$9.50, \$5.80; Soldier Song, \$6.30.

## Army Prophecies Huge Sports Boom

### Post-War Sports Will Be Demanded By Servicemen

WASHINGTON—We're to be ready, in the immediate post-war days, Army authorities say, for the biggest boom in sports the world ever saw. Sounds mighty reasonable, too. Let's look at one or two of the reasons.

Col. Ted Bank, now with the Army Special Service Division, former football coach at the University of Idaho, works it out mathematically, and very logically, this way:

In World War I, 4,800,000 servicemen got a taste of athletics, liked it and so something of a boom came then. This time the plans call for 10,800,000 men in some form of military service. And the sports program has been emphasized and developed with immensely more intensity and enthusiasm than it was in the short period of that war, so that almost every man will have had a good deal more than a mere taste of it. The conclusion seems obvious.

**Individual Morale**

Athletics have been brought strongly into the Army's training program for two excellent reasons. First, because body-contact sports go a long way to make any man a better soldier, and make him better able to protect himself in battle. Secondly, it has been proven conclusively that athletics, both in training and on the field, are one

of the best factors of keeping up individual morale.

Colonel Bank notes that the Army sports program is being regularly expanded. Kids who have never had an opportunity to take part in organized athletics are grabbing at the chance to learn new games. In almost every training camp there are leagues in nearly all the regular sports, and this is carried widely into inter-camp competition. This has been evident in England where American troops played the finals of expeditionary force basketball championships before soldier-packed crowds. It is well-known that the British have become strongly interested in baseball after seeing American soldiers playing the game.

**Rapid Sports Fan**

There's another side to the story. There is no more rapid sports fan than the fellow who has played a little himself. These service men who have taken part in Army sports will be enthusiastic patrons of all kinds of athletic contests when they get back home after the war. There's a hint to the sports promoters to get ready.

But there's still another angle. The inter-allied games after the last war brought out some of the really great stars of that day, like Boxer Gene Tunney, sprinter Charlie Paddock, Bob Roper and scores of others. This time the pool of potential talent is more than twice as big. And this time there are a lot more and better coaches to hunt it out and develop it. Colonel Bank says new stars are coming to the top all the time. And suggests that it wouldn't be a bit surprising if some doughboy who has had his troubles with his GI brogans in Tunisian mud may be the man to do the hundred in nine seconds, or do the four-minute mile.

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Camp Edwards, Mass.



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# SPORTS CHAT



MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y.—It's getting to be an old, old story at Mitchel Field, these no-hit games. S/Sgt. Rupe Mallach has been whiffing the soft-batters with the reckless abandon of a top kick handing out KP assignments and now has three games to his credit. Sgt. Harry Pollard turned the trick with a good old hard ball by turning back Cathedral College with a fine collection of goose eggs.

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Winning 15 games for the Milwaukee base ball club is fair country ball in any one's league but Sgt. Walter O. Lanfranconi, who turned the trick, has a much more pleasant memory. The 155-pound "Mighty Atom" smacked a triple off the offerings of the great Grover Cleveland Alexander in an exhibition game. Lanfranconi was playing for the Barre (Vt) High School. Alexander for the House of David.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Eight champions have been crowned. Contributing to the Army's new sport program the contestants set records in running the obstacle courses about the camp. Of note was Pvt. Raymond McKinney's time of 5 minutes and 30 seconds on one course which had as record time 4 minutes and 8 seconds. McKinney was huffing and puffing behind a gas mask.

CAMP POLK, Ia.—Two Eleventh Armored Division soldiers found out here recently how it feels to hit against a Yankee pitcher. Although the division's Maintenance Battalion lost, 2 to 0, it averted a no-hit record by Sgt. Steve Peck, former major league moundsmen who made his first appearance sparking the 41st Armored Regiment nine.

DREW FIELD, Fla.—Cpl. Vito Tabulis, formerly with the Yankees and Dodgers, has won six and lost one pitching for the Drew Field Signal Corps team. The one he lost was a 12-inning 3 to 1 tussle. He has pitched 69 innings, struck out 68, allowed 10 runs and is hitting at a .341 clip.

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Last-out claimant to the title of "sit-up" champion of the Army is Cpl. John E. Pringle who did the exercise 1,100 times. Cadet Elynn Berry at Yale University has 851 to his credit. Pringle did 1,005 of them at a regular exercise period—later did the 1,100 sit-ups with 1,050 in only 50 minutes.

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The 30th Infantry Division presented a cosmopolitan complexion when the tabulation showed that men from 20 states had survived eliminations in its boxing tournament.

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—A pair of shoulders which bull-hunched rival lines all over the gridiron last fall are now being used to tote mortars and heavy machine guns. Pvt. Alger V. Conner, Michigan State tackle, is taking basic training here.

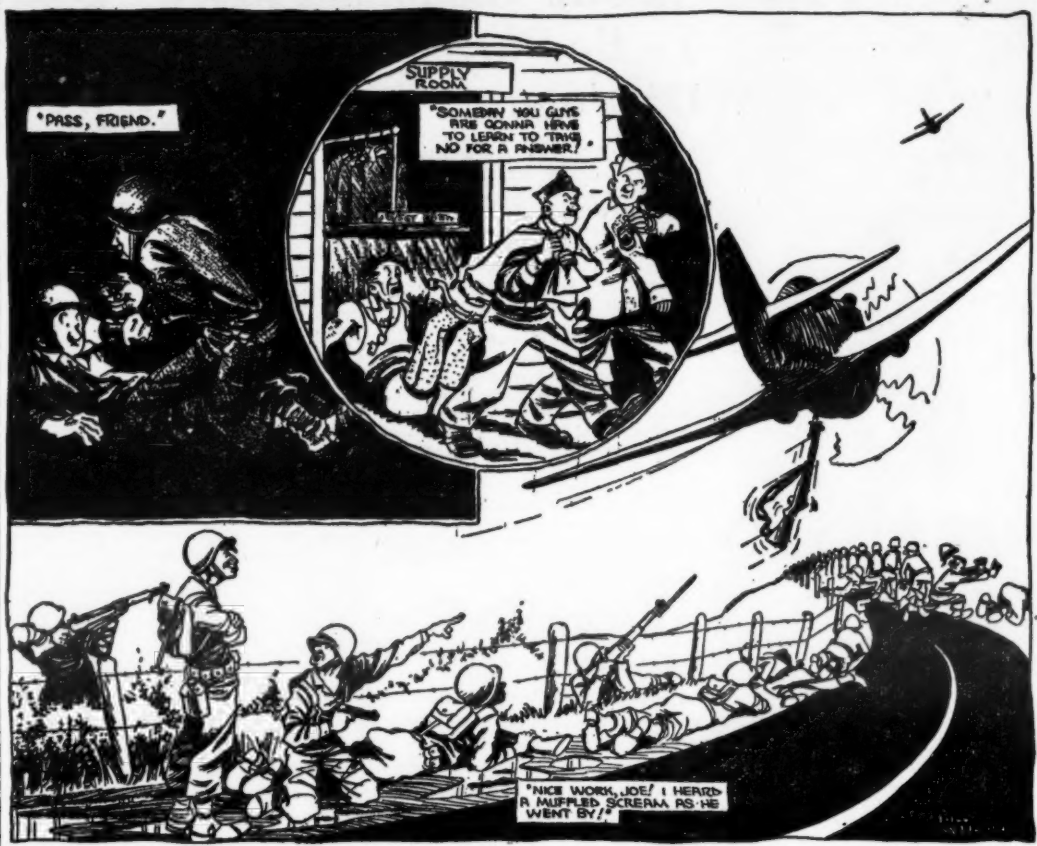
CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Beal's baseball team went to Folsom penitentiary recently and after serving their sentence came out with a 9-1 win on their service records.

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Two great ski stars from Norway have been on the training roster here. Torger Tokle, nationally known champion, who is credited with one jump of 288 feet, and Arild V. Myller, national ski champion of Norway, are the two trainees.

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—The Fort Devens baseball nine ran their winning streak to eight last week when they buried Grenier Field 15 to 4, and the 366 Infantry Regiment 4 to 0 in the first doubleheader of the season.

## Star Spangled Banter

By Sgt. Bill Mauldin



## Nats Beat Indians; In First Place Tie

Brooklyn Splits With Cards To Hold League Lead

WASHINGTON—The Washington Nationals tied off against four Cleveland pitchers for 17 hits and when the last echoes of the balls banging against the fences had ceased in Griffith Stadium the Nats had a lop-sided 13-1 win and were in a virtual tie with the Yankees for first place.

With triples by Bob Johnson and Steve Early setting the long-range hitting attack Milo Candini had little trouble coasting home to a win despite allowing the Indians eight scattered hits.

While the Nats were on the rampage the lowly Chisox were staging a ninth-inning rally to beat the Yankees, 2 to 1.

### First to Fifth

During the week the Cleveland Indians went into a slump and slipped from the lead to the second division in the toughest league race in the American's history.

Detroit and Philadelphia, battling desperately to keep in the first division, met in a four-game series, with the Tigers moving into third place 1½ games off the pace—with three wins. The Athletics had salvaged enough games in series with the Chisox and Browns to stay in the first division after being in third place for a couple of days.

The Sox—tired of leaving runners stranded—have found a pay-off punch and have moved from last place in the league into sixth place behind the faltering Boudreau-led Tribe.

The Chisox, suffering from their inability to beat the in-between clubs, have dropped to seventh despite their beating the Nationals and Yankees rather easily. St. Louis lost ground during the week and are in the cellar six games off the pace. They dropped two full games during the week.

### Bums Totter

Brooklyn tottered momentarily on the threshold of second place and then came back to beat the Cardinals for a split in their four-game series and salvaged their 1½-game lead.

The Brooks, still on the road, have had their lead cut during the trip west, but are holding their most bitter rivals even while the rest of the teams drop further out of the league race.

Winning three straight from the Giants, the Cincinnati Reds came out of the second division and are now in a tie for third place. The Reds have found the range and are backing their better-than-average pitching with a few timely hits after a forlorn start.

### Seven Out of Nine

Using their Pennsylvania rivals as their chief victims, the Pittsburgh Pirates won seven out of nine games to climb up the league standing from

sixth to third. They held sole possession of third place for a couple of days, but dropped into a tie before the onrush of the Reds.

Boston and Philadelphia, possibly confused by the spotlight of attention cast on them during winning streaks, have fallen from the first division, with the Braves in fifth place and the once-again "Phutle Phils" in sixth.

New York Giants had a disastrous western trip, and are now two games further out of the lead than they were a week ago, and even the Mad Russian can't seem to help the hapless Chicago Cubs, who fell 1½ games further out of the pennant chase.

### Canadians Lead

In the International League the Canadian entries, Toronto and Montreal, have the rest of the league huffing and puffing in an attempt to cut the 8½-game lead the Toronto nine has and the 1½-game lead Montreal has over Newark.

Scranton has the Eastern League pennant chase pretty well cut-and-dried at this stage of the race. Wilkes-Barre is seven games out of first.

Nashville came up from third place during the week to take the lead by half a game over the ousted Birmingham outfit. Chattanooga dropped a notch along with the Alabama club.

Although the Los Angeles winning streak has been chopped short at last, the Southern Californians still have a seven-game lead over San Francisco.

The only change in the American Association was the dropping of the Kansas City nine from seventh to the cellar. Indianapolis is still in the driver's seat with a 2½-game lead over Toledo.

## Klein Hits In 21 Games

WASHINGTON—Hitting safely in 21-consecutive games Lou Klein, lead-off man for the St. Louis Cardinals, has contributed a great deal to the winning surge which has brought the Cards within pay-off distance of the leading Dodgers.

The big bat of the rookie second-baseman has rapped out hits when the going got the toughest and when runs and hits were needed.

During the past week he has collected eight hits to bat in three runs as well as scoring five runs of his own. The eight hits include two doubles and two homers. He was charged with one error.

## Baseball Standings (Through Wednesday, June 5)

### American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	19	14	.576	—
Washington	21	16	.568	1½
Detroit	18	16	.529	2½
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	3½
Cleveland	18	19	.486	3
Boston	18	20	.474	3½
Chicago	14	16	.467	3½
St. Louis	12	19	.387	8

### National League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	26	14	.650	—
St. Louis	23	14	.623	1½
Cincinnati	19	18	.514	5½
Pittsburgh	18	17	.514	5½
Boston	16	17	.485	6½
Philadelphia	15	19	.438	6½
New York	15	23	.395	10½
Chicago	12	25	.329	12½

### International League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Toronto	25	5	.834
Montreal	25	15	.625
Newark	19	18	.514
Syracuse	14	12	.538
Baltimore	17	16	.515
Rochester	13	18	.419
Buffalo	13	18	.420
Jersey City	14	24	.378

### Eastern League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Scranton	20	3	.870
Wilkes-Barre	14	11	.560
Binghamton	14	11	.560
Hartford	15	13	.536
Albany	15	11	.577
Elmira	11	11	.500
Springfield	8	20	.286
Utica	6	18	.250

### Southern Association

	W.	L.	Pct.
Nashville	25	15	.625
Birmingham	25	16	.610
Chattanooga	20	14	.588
Little Rock	20	15	.571
Atlanta	19	18	.514
New Orleans	19	23	.452
Memphis	9	27	.250

### Pacific Coast League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	33	11	.750
San Francisco	25	17	.595
San Diego	25	20	.556
Hollywood	20	26	.435
Oakland	23	21	.523
Portland	18	26	.409
Sacramento	16	27	.372
Seattle	16	28	.365

### American Association

	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis	16	16	.500
Toledo	15	19	.441
Columbus	15	11	.577
Milwaukee	14	14	.500
Minneapolis	12	15	.444
St. Paul	13	17	.433
Louisville	11	17	.393
Kansas City	10	16	.385

## AAF League Takes Place Old Circuit

KIRTLAND FIELD, N. M.—The hole left by the West Texas-New Mexico baseball league, a war-time casualty, has been filled by the Southwest Air Forces League.

Within fairly easy reach of Albuquerque are Camps Luna, Deming, Roswell, Clovis, Carlsbad, Fort Sumner, Alamogordo and Hobbs, all New Mexico Army Air Forces stations, all with teams in the new circuit. In most cases the games are played in parks used by the pro and semi-pro teams. The caliber of game played is rated by local sports writers to be equal to "C" league ball.

Leading the league this week are the famous "Flying Kellys" of Kirtland Field, who recently defeated the Santa Ana, Cal., team, including Pvt. Joe DiMaggio, in an exhibition game.

## Oil Man Puts Out \$55,000 For Attention

NEW YORK—William Hella, a Louisiana oilman who decided to go into racing only a year ago, put \$55,000 on the line to buy Attention, Whirlaway's one-time conqueror.

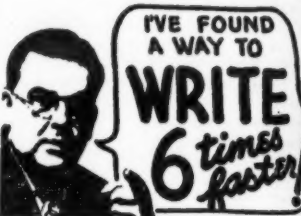
It was just another big racing deal in less than a year for Hella, a Greek-American who struck oil near New Orleans. He bought a part of the Fair Grounds Race Track at New Orleans, paid George Widener \$5,000 for Moscow II sight-unseen and \$15,000 for Valdina Royal.

In Attention he got a five-year-old galloper who's already won \$115,125, is rated along with Shut Out the best sons of Equipoise and is eligible for stake engagements with a total value of well over \$100,000 within the next two months.

Although Attention has had trouble with feet off and on—he's one of the best when he's hot. Twice he turned his stuff loose to whip Whirlaway—in the United States Hotel Stakes at Saratoga in 1940 and the Arlington Classic the following year.

## Middies Beat Army In Annual Meet

WEST POINT, N. Y.—All of the profits went to the Navy at the annual Army-Navy Sport Day as the middies won by a slim 641-3 to 61 2-3 margin in the track and field meet and a bit more easily 8-2 in the ball game.



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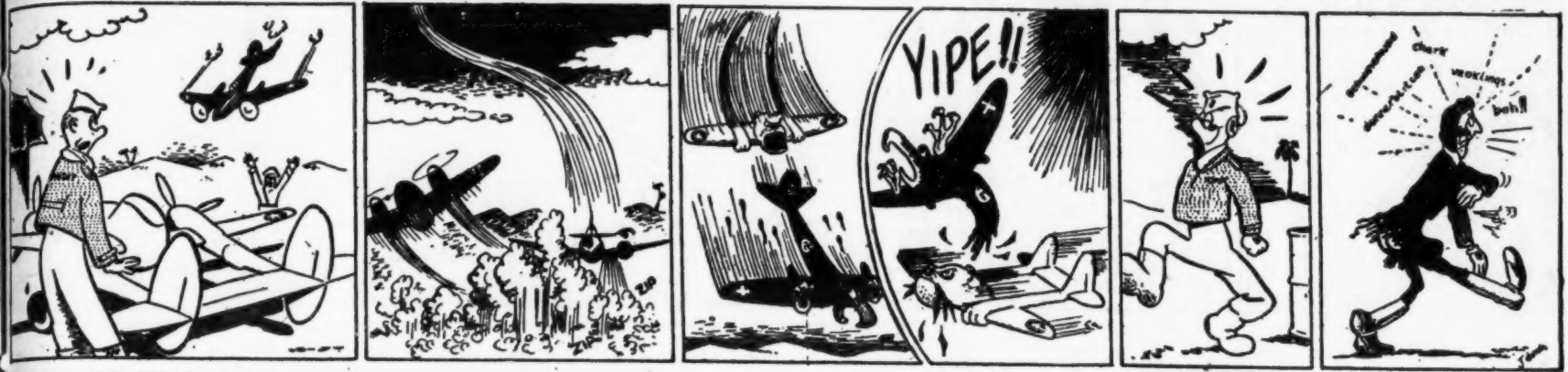
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# Colonel Wrightflank

By Cpl. John Dunn, Gelger Field, Wash.



## The Army Quiz

- Although the President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, only one President has led his troops on a campaign.  
He is—  
A—President Lincoln.  
B—President Jackson.  
C—President Washington.  
D—President Polk.
- Only one President was under enemy fire in battle. He is—  
A—President Lincoln.  
B—President Jackson.  
C—President F. D. Roosevelt.
- Only one President has reviewed American soldiers on foreign soil.  
He is—  
A—President Polk.  
B—President Wilson.  
C—President F. D. Roosevelt.
- The Continental Army under General Washington possessed poor intelligence service and blundered into enemy traps.  
True . . . False . . .
- Pilots know that in routine flight when approaching another plane head-on, they should—  
A—Go over him.  
B—Go under him.  
C—Go right.  
D—Go left.
- The colored braid denoting arm of service worn on an enlisted man's cap is called—  
A—Campaign ribbon.  
B—Service stripe.  
C—Piping.  
D—Hat cord.
- How many machine guns and mortars are now assigned to a rifle company?  
A—One heavy machine gun, one light machine gun and three 60 mm. mortars.  
B—Two light machine guns and three 60 mm. mortars.  
C—Two light machine guns and no mortars.
- There is no difference between a fort and a camp in modern usage.  
True . . . False . . .
- When our Pacific forces speak of MacNimsey, they are referring to—  
A—The commander-in-chief of the Australian Army.  
B—The commander-in-chief of the Dutch Navy.  
C—The American commanders in the Pacific.
- In breaching the Moehne and Eder dams in Germany, the RAF dropped—  
A—Two-ton block busters.  
B—Torpedoes.  
C—Land mines.

(See ANSWERS, Page 15)

## Randy Allen

By Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo, Armored Force, Fort Knox, Ky.



## They're in the Army Now



The Leather Lunged Dodger fan who used to sit in the center field bleachers. By Cpl. Pat Murphy, Camp Livingston, La.

## The Mess Line

She—"I wouldn't kiss a man unless I was engaged."  
Sergeant—"But I saw you kiss Bill last night."  
She—"Yes, I'm engaged to Tom."  
"May I kiss you?" the hesitant GI asked.  
Then he asked the same thing again.  
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# Cyclone Mose

By Cpl. Grover Page, Jr., Camp Livingston, La.



## 'Georgie' Would Trade Band for KP Any Day

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Up in Barrack T-270 at Camp Grant they're still telling the story of Georgie, the Goldbrick, and how he thought he could lead the life of leisure by joining the post band. And how after the first week, Georgie—a sad sack by then—wished they'd put him on KP instead.

### Drum and Bugle Corps Enlivens Carlisle Life

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—The 2nd Battalion Drum and Bugle Corps does a good deal to add to the interest of the camp since they play when the officers of the training battalions march to classes in the mornings and at noon.

After marching at 8 a.m. and rehearsing the rest of the morning, the men of the corps march again at 1 o'clock and then do company duty in the afternoon.

Even if building T-270 didn't display the laconic sign "band" over its door, you could never mistake it for any other quarters. At almost any hour of the day or night snatches of music or discords of instruments tuning up will greet you as far as a block away. The barrack houses 40 men—Chief Warrant Officer Albin I. Johnson, band leader, and the 39 other musicians who make up Camp Grant's concert band, dance band, and its pit orchestra. Due to the high standard of versatility among members, most musicians can play in any of the three organizations, boasting a range from Bach to boogie-woogie.

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# Craps Pushed Out of Picture

**HARBOR DEFENSES, SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**—A new game was born here the other day which is said to knock poker and craps right out of the picture.

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## Axis Mugs Make Trainees Mad, Improve Training

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## Life at the Front

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In this way trapping enough air to make them buoyant. The pants-pretender kept him afloat through the night, till he was picked up by native fishermen next morning.

### Flames

**IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—S/Sgt. Robert Schnurr** made his way into the bomb-bay of a burning plane and removed the bomb fuses. Although the fuses had become too hot to touch without being burned he removed them while the fire was destroying a wing and the nacelle. His action prevented destruction of valuable government property and probably saved some lives. He has been awarded the soldier's medal.

### Friendly Spirit

**LONDON**—One hundred United States and British soldiers attended the inaugural dinner of the recently-formed British-American Legion, formed to foster a more friendly and cooperative spirit between the allied nations. It is planned to have chapters wherever American and British soldiers are stationed together throughout the world. The executive committee consists of three American and three British soldiers.

### Tin 'Tree'

**ICELAND**—Aviation Chief Metal-smith Robert Bryant, of the Navy, got homesick for trees, which are unknown quantities here. So he made one. Using salvage sheets of tin from 5-gallon cans, he stamped out palm leaves, riveted these to old iron rods which were bolted to discarded iron pipes, and wrapped burlap around the "branches." A spray of green paint made it into a creditable palm and made the men from Florida feel more at home.

### Fighting on Attu

**SEATTLE, Wash.**—Sgt. Forrest Wright Johnson, one of the first lot of casualties to come from the Attu battles, tells of conditions there. "We started for a ridge at about 3,000 feet elevation. The heavy snow began there. It was all haze so that

we could see only about 20 yards. The commander wanted a gun knocked out on our flank. Another sergeant and me went over. We couldn't get close enough to see. We got a mortar to try to knock it out but got hit with heavy cross fire." Johnson was wounded in the foot by a sniper's shot, but kept on fighting till a shot in the other leg brought him down.

### Tent Shows

**U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN ALASKA**—The troops here asked for, and got, three circus tents. They are being used for the presentation of the various Army shows which come in from time to time.

### American Knights

**LONDON**—Signal honor was paid to two Americans, Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur. In that, by special direction of King George VI, they are awarded the white cross and red ribbon of Honorary Knights Grand Cross of the Military Division of the Order of the Bath. General Eisenhower has also been awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor by Gen. Henri Honore Giraud.

### Plane-Taxi

**HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT**—Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, was due to play one evening at one of the Canal Zone post theatres. The men were assembled, only to learn that the plane bringing the musician was delayed. Col. B. B. Millenthal, special service officer, brought the situation to the attention of Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, commanding general of the Sixth Air Force, who sent a special plane to bring in the violinist, his wife and accompanist. The concert began at 10 p.m., four hours after it was scheduled. Menuhin said: "I believe soldiers enjoy good music more than civilians."

### Whining Germans

**ON THE TUNISIAN FRONT**—German prisoners proved to be whining patients in a front-line hospital, when Germans and Americans were in the same wards. The hospital had been occupied by the Germans just a few hours before but had changed hands. A medical corporal said: "It shows how yellow these fellows are, when they are not winning. A bunch of British, strafed on a ship, were brought in here a few hours ago. All were badly hurt and it is commendable how they took it compared to these fellows."

### Attu Picture

**HOLTZ BAY BATTLEGROUND, Attu**—Two hundred and ten men, without food for three days, most of them with frozen feet, attacked the Japs here, withstood vicious counter-attacks and finally dislodged them from dug-in intrenchments. These men, the first troops on Attu, came ashore at 2 a.m. in small rubber boats, worked in two miles over wet, boggy tundra, and then hit snow and mountains with a 50 to 75 per cent grade.

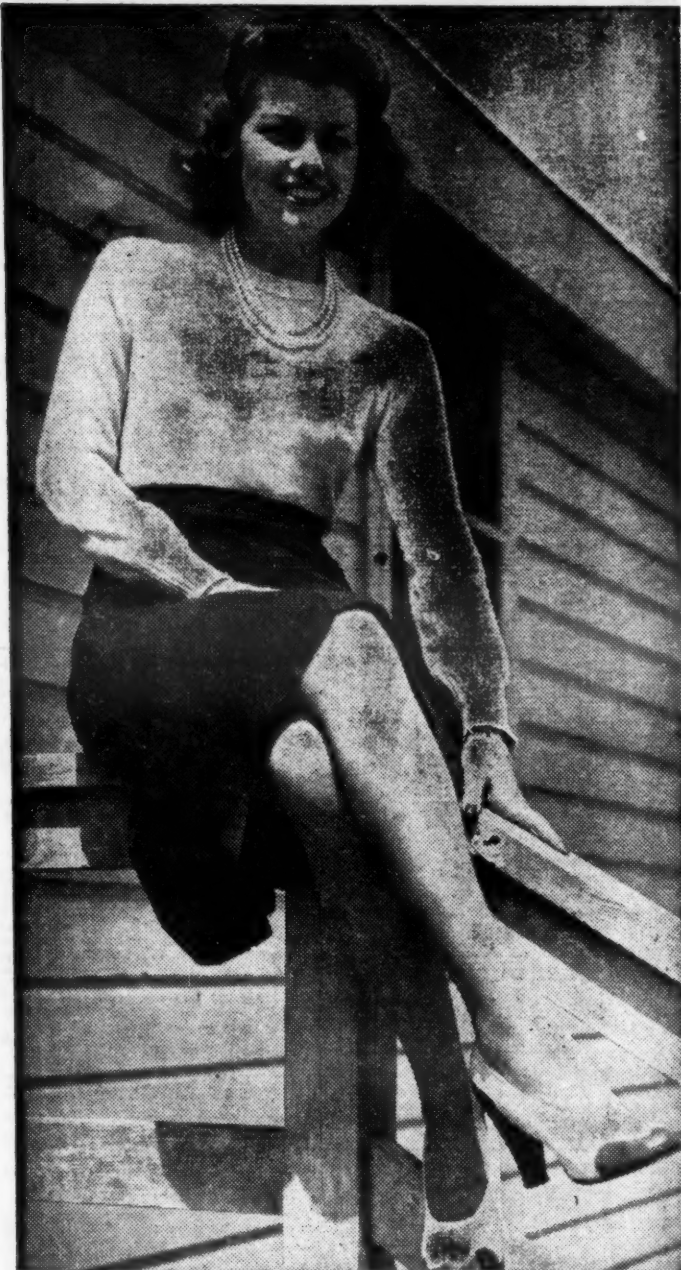
The snow drifts were from 8 to 20 feet deep. Next morning they slid down a steep 500-foot slope. The fog lifted and the Japs found the Americans in the hills around them.

## Quiz Answers

(See Page 12)

1. C. Washington led his troops in 1794 to suppress the Whiskey rebellion.
2. A. Lincoln was under fire at Fort Stevens in the defense of Washington, D. C., in July, 1864.
3. C. President Roosevelt recently reviewed American troops in North Africa.
4. False. General Washington had extraordinarily good intelligence service and sometimes provided spies with funds from his own pocket.
5. C. If each pilot turns to his own right they will not run into each other.
6. C.
7. B.
8. False. The War Department says that a fort is a permanent Army post, while a camp is a place occupied temporarily by troops.
9. C. The word is a contraction of the names of General MacArthur, Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Halsey.
10. C. They dropped huge specially designed aerial land mines which, unlike bombs, detonate on a minor concussion. They are dropped at low altitude since they cannot be aimed accurately.





**WINNER** of the Miss Armorette contest sponsored by the Armored Force News was Miss Mary Oliver, a ravishing 5-foot, 5-inch, 117-pound brownette from Camp Campbell, Ky. A member of the WOWs, Women Ordnance Workers, she can drive any type of Armored Force vehicle from the saucy little peep to the monstrous 60-ton tank.

### Where Will The Invasion Be?

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advantage of this route would be the fact that the Rhine would cover the left flank as far as the west part of Germany. The right flank would be constantly exposed and would need large masses of troops to protect it.

North France and Brittany offers the shortest distance for transport, only 30 to 90 miles. But again the coast is well fortified and supporting troops could be brought into action rapidly from the rear areas. And again both flanks of the invading force would be subject to attack.

Western France, south of the Loire, presents good beaches, but also presents the probability of very rough sea in the Bay of Biscay, which might make the question of supply and reinforcement a hazardous one. A landing south of the Gironde would have the mountains of the Pyrenees to cover the right flank and the line of the Garonne on the left. The best chance of success here would be to couple an invasion in this region with another landing near Narbonne on the Mediterranean and moving eastward. Success in this area would cut off the Axis imports from Spain and also open the possibility of Spain joining the Allies.

#### Fortified Coasts

If Corsica is first established and organized as a base it should be possible to land almost anywhere on the coast of Southern France, since harbors are numerous and beaches exist at many points. East of Toulon mountains approach the sea and communications are poor. West of Toulon excellent lines of advance are available in the Rhone valley. Here, though, the entire coast is being fortified.

An invasion via Italy would entail the capture of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica, to establish bases and thus shorten transport routes. From Genoa to Berlin is some 600 miles, covered with natural terrain obstacles, very suitable for defense. Italian divisions, perhaps about 80 available to defend the mainland, are specially trained to operate in mountain regions. South of the Arno the Italian coast is more favorable for landings and as far south as Naples the mountains are away from the coast, leaving room for maneuvering.

Landings in this sector would threaten Rome and would place the harbor of Naples at the Allies' disposal. The country is badly cut up with woods and hills and an invading force would be subject to encircling attack.

#### In the Adriatic

A landing could be made on the Italian side of the Adriatic near Brindisi. Operations here would include the seizing of Venice, Trieste, and Fiume, all with excellent harbors, from which an advance to Berlin could begin. This would necessitate crossing the Alps but it was demonstrated in the last war that such a crossing could be made, even in the face of strong opposition.

The Aegean Sea presents still other possibilities. There are a few excellent ports, also some airfields, now all in enemy hands. But here a chain of islands present a line of enemy defense, which would have to be cleaned out, against probable attacks on convoys, before any main invasion could be entered upon. There is the possibility that Turkey might join with the Allies if the war were carried near her borders. It will be remembered that Salonika was the base for a successful allied effort in 1918. The enemy has the Bulgarian army of 30 divisions in this region, but since it is known that the Bulgars are friendly to Russia there is a possibility that they might not offer serious opposition.

The Black Sea offers still further possibilities. An advance in this area would have the Danube on its right and the Rhodope mountains on its left, with a front of not more than 150 miles. It might be possible to utilize Russian troops for this front. The enemy is reported to be fortifying all the Black Sea coast under his control, indicating that he scents the possibility of attack from this direction.

### He Lost It

**FORT ROBINSON, Ark.**—Pvt. Elmer Kline dropped 10 pounds after puffing up and down hills and through underbrush one day in "tech and tack" training. He weighed 210 the night before. The same scales showed just 200 the night following.

## This Is the Enemy Privates 'Dirt' in German Army

By Cpl. Jack O'Meara  
**CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**—Not entirely because he has no love for Hitler does Alfred K. Sengespeick prefer the United States to Army life in the German Wehrmacht. He knows because he's been in both.

Private Sengespeick, Co. A, 59th Medical Training Battalion trainee here and a fugitive from the Nazis, endured compulsory service in the German Infantry in 1935.

#### Private Nobody

"A private in the German army is absolutely nobody, without any rights," he said. In the German army basic training camp he found brutality was the keynote for all superiors. The slightest infractions of military regulations brought swift and severe punishment.

"For instance," he said, "when the platoon corporal blew his whistle for the men to fall out he stationed himself inside the barracks doorway and kicked the last three men leav-

ing, just because they were the slowest."

Mistakes in field training problems sometimes brought a beating with the buckle end of the non-com's belt. Soldiers seldom reported for sick call more than once. It was less arduous to bear illness than the treatment given them by medical officers who suspected every patient of gold-bricking.

Although discharges were almost never given for disability, some soldiers deliberately injured themselves severely to obtain such a release.

#### Shoes Poor

While shoes were poor and soldiers frequently had sore feet from the bone jarring goose-step, Private Sengespeick found the variety and quality of uniforms good. Army food was considerably superior to what civilians ate in Germany, and he

said that food here under rationing conditions would be considered "fat years in pre-war Germany." Discipline was always strict, with keeping a high polish on boots and brass being stressed.

For fraternizing with Jewish refugees on a ship bound for the United States, Sengespeick was given a warning by the captain, but after he was given a friendly tip that he would be punished when he returned to Germany he made the decision to desert when the liner docked at Hoboken.

Sengespeick had never informed immigration authorities of his illegal entry into the United States, fearing he would be deported to Germany, but after the declaration of war he was taken into custody as an enemy alien by the FBI. After being investigated, he was cleared.

## Army Nurses Do Good Job, But We Need Lots More

**WASHINGTON**—Army nurses are now stationed in 35 bases outside the United States, and as well at 538 stations in continental United States, the War Department announced this week.

But the need for more members of the Army Nurse Corps is an extremely pressing one. Recruiting of nurses took an upward turn in the first three months of 1943 but the opening of new hospitals and an increasing number of overseas assignments are depleting the nurses in the reserve pool, according to the reports of the American Red Cross. The nursing profession has estimated that one out of every four nurses in the nation will be needed by some branch of the armed forces by the end of this year.

With the growth of the Nurse Corps to keep pace with that of the Army, additional courses in military orientation and physical conditioning are being established for Nurse Corps units throughout the nine Service Commands. Many of the studies parallel those of their brother officers. Among these are military courtesy and customs of the service, military programs, schedules, standards, inspections, military

correspondence and military law.

Since many of the nurses will be in charge of nursing groups in isolated sectors, knowledge of military correspondence and law are essential, since nurses in administrative posts have a large amount of paper work to do as well as constant inspection of the hospitals under their responsibility.

The medical aspects of the courses include the latest advice on tropical and regional diseases. The nurses receive specialized instruction for defense measures against air, parachute, and mechanized attack and have frequent gas drills.

### R.I.P., Joe

**SHENANGO PERSONNEL RE-PLACEMENT DEPOT, Pa.**—Joe AWOL is buried here.

The camp's GIs have exemplified their good behavior by laying to permanent rest the symbol of rumor and rumpus in the camp. He lies under a six-foot mound near one of the camp's gates, covered with a mock gravestone, which reads: "Here lies Joe AWOL, one among many. May he never rise again."

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